5,000 yards behind him, Nance heads for top ten

BOSTON — Jim Nance's football philosophy is simple, and direct. "I'm a runner," he has said on more than one occasion. "I have to run with the ball to be effective. Not a couple of times a game but a lot of times."

Last week the New England Patriots gave him 20 opportunities to do precisely this on the rain-drenched artificial turf at Schaefer Stadium in Foxboro, the fifth and now permanent home of the Patriots.

On one of his carries he ran 50 yards against the harried New York Jets and scored the first New England rushing TD of the season. He also boosted his lifetime total past the 5,000-yard mark, and thereby fulfilled a double-wish.

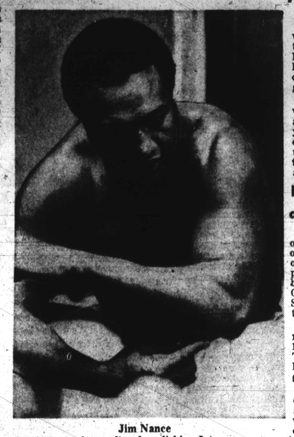
Said Nance earlier, "If I go over the 5,000 mark I want it to come on a decent run, not on something for 2 or 3 yards." He did.

It is interesting to contemplate how far up the ladder Nance would have been if he hadn't been hampered by injuries.

In 1968 he damaged his ankle but continued playing. At the end of the season he underwent surgery. It was successful, and he came back with a runner-up effort of 750 yards in 1969 behind San Diego's Dickie Post in the final AFL rushing race.

That gained Nance comeback-of-the-year honors but he suffered a hamstring pull in 1970 which limited his rushing to 522 yards. This year he came in lighter, more determined, and the Patriots apparently are more than anxious to accommodate him in his desire to carry the ball a lot.

Nance has been doing this for a long time. At Syracuse where the tradition is for big fullbacks, (Jim Brown, Art Baker, etc.,) he was a teammate of John Mackey, who wasn't a bad runner, either. But the choice of who was to carry the ball was obvious and Mackey wound up as a receiver.



Jim Nance
relaxes after demolishing Jets

The all-time rushing crown is held, of course, by Jim Brown, with an almost incredible 12,312. That's nearly 4,000 more than anyone else, and the closest anyone-elses are Jim Taylor (8,597), and Joe Perry (8,378).

It's obvious that Nance has his sights aimed at some highly-talented company. When they gave him the game ball last week for having gone past the 5,000 milestone, he indicated that it was a great honor but not completely unexpected. "I must have been doing something right to get up to 5,000," he said.

Textile mills hiring more minorities

WASHINGTON — Nonwhite employment in major textile mills in the Carolinas and Southern Virginia has increased about 48 per cent since 1968, the Pentagon said.

The Pentagon became involved in integration plans at the mills more than four years ago when there were charges that firms making uniform cloth for the military were discriminating against minorities.

Record-breaking TV audience for Series

A record total audience of more than 90 million of more than 90 million people viewed the Pittsburgh Pirates-Baltimore Orioles seven-game World Series telecasts, according to NBC estimate.

The previous record of 88 million was established in 1968 when the Detroit Tigers defeated the St. Louis Cardinals in a seven-game series.

The projection is based on the fact that the first, sixth and seventh games were played on weekend dates and the fourth game was the first in World Series history to be played at night.

Bob Foster
bring 'em one at a time

Foster bent on ending light heavies' muddle

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Bob Foster, who sacrificed his universal recognition as boxing's finest 175-pounder when he made excursions into the heavyweight ranks against Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali, is keen on clearing up the muddle in his division.

Through his manager, Lou Viscusi, the veteran Washington slugger let it be known last week that he is willing to take on all claimants to the title, one after another.

Foster, recognized in most fight circles as the world light-heavyweight champion, will defend his title in London this winter against British champ Chris Finnegan if both get by earlier opponents, it was announced Monday by Viscusi.

Bob is sheduled to face Tommy Hicks in Scranton, Pa. Finnegan has a date in London against Hal Carroll. Viscusi said he is "positively interested" in a Finnegan bout, either in December or January.

Foster is recognized as champion by all but the World Boxing Association, which acknowledges Vicente Rondon of Venezuela. Rondon defends his share of the title Oct. 26 against Gomeo Brennan at Miami Beach.

Ga. town gets first fireman

ROME, Ga. — The city's first black fireman was among five appointments to the fire and police departments made recently by the Civil Service Board. There was one white appointee.

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The City Commission which authorized three police and two fire appointments had told community leaders in August that it would ask the board to consider appointment of qualified blacks to both departments.

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Stan Wright, Leroy Walker eyed as U.S. Olympic coach

NEW YORK — Stan Wright and Dr. Leroy Walker are among four track and field authorities under consideration for the head coach assignment to the U.S. Olympic track team, it was revealed late this week.

A spokesman for the U.S. Olympic Committee confirmed that the two veteran teachers are being considered along with Jim "Jumbo" Elliott of Villanova, and Bill Bowerman of Oregon.

He said that the 1972 five or six days" as soon as certain rule technicalities are ironed out.

Wright, who was an assistant coach at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City, developed several outstanding teams at Texas Southern prior to accepting his present post as track coach at Sacramento State College.

Walker, who also has assisted in tutoring U.S. teams in the past, is a longtime teacher at North Carolina Central where he tutored, among others, two-time Olympic hurdles champion LWee Calhoun.

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Previous to the revelation with regard to the coaching post, it was announced that the Olympic trials would be held this summer at Eugene, Ore., under conditions similar to those at Munich.

Bowerman's school is located at EUGENE.

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