

# Alabama QB is Big Gun

## Illini Guard Is Named AP's Top Lineman

**By SANDY PADWE**  
If there were such a thing, Alabama would be very much in the running for the surprise team of the year award. Picked to finish in the second division of the Southeastern Conference, one of the toughest collegiate football leagues in the land, Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide surprised everyone by finishing in a second place tie with L.S.U. and Mississippi.

In fact, the Tide played such good football, after their opening game loss to Georgia, they went undefeated with two ties the rest of the way.

There were plenty of reasons for Alabama's success, but the one that stands out in everyone's mind down in the southland is an 18-year-old phenom named Pat Trammel.

Trammel is the Alabama quarterback who finished second in

total offense in the Southeastern Conference this fall.

The sophomore from Scottsboro, Ala., racked up 818 yards. He picked up 525 of those on the ground and the other 293 were in the air.

Trammel has to rate as one of the "runningest" quarterbacks in the nation. This fall he carried 156 times, more than any other in Alabama back.

He had his biggest day against Tulane when he rushed for 143 yards as the Crimson Tide romped to a 19-7 victory.

In Alabama's game against Chattanooga, Trammel went 54 yards for a touchdown to lead his teammates to a 13-0 win. Just like Penn State's All-

American quarterback Richie Lucas, Trammel is a tremendous defensive ballplayer.

He was so good defensively, that the Birmingham News named him the top defensive back in the Southeastern Conference. He also received honorable mention honors on the SEC all-star team.

Another big season for Alabama's grid success this season was guard Don Cochran, regarded as the best all-around ballplayer on the Alabama squad.

Cochran, a Birmingham native, is a fierce competitor and was voted Alabama's best defensive player in 1958.

The 200-pound senior leads Alabama's hard charging defensive

squad, which is one of the best in the country.

The Tide was so stingy this fall that they held the opposition to 134 yards per game on the ground and 45 in the air.

The Alabama success story wouldn't be complete without mentioning Fred Sington Jr., a huge tackle who minors in kicking field goals.

Sington connected on four field goals in nine attempts in 1959. Two of them were responsible for Alabama's wins over Georgia Tech and Houston.



Pat Trammel



Don Cochran

## Gridiron Notes

Sunny skies and somewhat warmer weather made football practice a little more bearable for Rip Engle's Nittany Lions yesterday... Engle's boys, who play Alabama in the Liberty Bowl Dec. 19, took their most lengthy drill since practice opened for the post season bowl game... All four units went through heavy contact work... Alabama guard Don Cochran will play against Penn State's Bud Kohlhaas and Andy Stynchula in the Blue-Gray game in Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 26... Penn State will inaugurate athletic relations with Alabama in the Liberty Bowl game... The schools have never met in any sport... The Liberty Bowl engagement will mark Penn State's first 1959 appearance in Philadelphia... The Nittany Lions last visited there on Sept. 27, 1958, when they beat Penn, 43-0... Halfback Jim Kerr was Penn State's second leading ground gainer with 325 yards in 99 carries, an average of 3.3 yards per carry... Second unit quarterback Galen Hall completed 18 of 36 passes this fall for 220 yards and two touchdowns... Halfback Dick Hoak and end Norm Neff wound up in a tie for pass catching honors... Each had 167 yards...

## Continental League Adds Atlanta As Sixth Team

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Continental League has accepted Atlanta as its sixth member while its President, Branch Rickey, let loose a blast at the American League for what he called its "delaying tactics" in the new circuit's bid for major league baseball status.

In a press conference, Rickey vowed that he would "fight to the bitter end" for the life of the Continental League but admitted the league could not organize alone. He said the new league needed the help of the major leagues.

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# Jerry West-Virginia Rated Top Basketball Player in Country

**By SANDY PADWE**  
When basketball season rolls around in the hills of West Virginia, that's the time for all the Mountaineers to close the stills, forget the moonshine whiskey and head for Morgantown to watch Jerry West.

Mr. West, you see, is probably the best collegiate basketball player in the country.

At least that's what the writers thought who covered the NCAA basketball championships in Louisville, Ky., last March.

West almost singlehandedly led his teammates to the national championship a year ago, but California's Golden Bears scored one more point and won the title, 71-70.

Also competing in the same tournament was a fellow by the name of Oscar Robertson, an All-American choice and the top scorer in collegiate circles.

But when the votes were in for the Most Valuable Player Award, West had 45, Darrall Imhoff of California had 7 and Robertson had 3.

West took the coveted award on the basis of his five game performance in which he scored 160 points, broke rebounding records, and played flawless defensive ball.

In fact some people think West would be an All-American if he didn't score a point. Take George Kiseda, veteran basketball writer for the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph.

After seeing West in action against Pitt, Kiseda wrote the following: "He goes up with the shooter, and in one spectacular motion not only blocks the shot but steals the ball—all this with one hand."

The praise doesn't stop there. "Without West the team is just Virginia," wrote the New York Daily News.

Ben Byrd of the Knoxville Journal went even further. "Jerry



JERRY WEST  
West Virginia University

zen of Cabin Creek, W.Va., (pop. 805).

West has made All-American two years in a row and the Mountaineers have been the number one team in the nation for the past two seasons.

John Egli and his Penn State basketball team have seen the 6-3 wonder boy in action for the last two years and will get another look at him Saturday in Morgantown.

Last year on the Rec Hall hardwood, the Cabin Creek leaper hooked up in a magnificent duel with the Lions' Mark DuMars.

West had 32 points while the 5-10 DuMars had 30. Mark's been hinting that he would like to guard West this year, even though he's five inches shorter. But whether he will or won't remains to be seen.

Last year, West finished as the fifth highest scorer in the nation with a 26.2 average. He was near the top in rebounds too with 419 in 34 games.

## Basketball Scores

- NBA**  
Cincinnati 129, Detroit 119
- Collegiate**  
Temple 68, Princeton 65  
Dener 56, Air Force 53  
Dayton 61, Miami of Ohio 45  
Baldwin Wallace 75, Adrian 67  
Mt. Union 77, Case Tech 67  
Columbia 69, Baltimore 62  
Vermont 84, Norwich 73  
LaSalle 86, Lehigh 54  
Maryland 70, Virginia 62

## Nittany Soccer Star

Dick Packer, probably Penn State's greatest soccer player ever, lead the Lion booters for three years in scoring, broke the single season scoring record with 24 goals, and was named to the first string All-American squad in 1954 and 1955.

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West is West Virginia. He is unstoppable. Impressive as they are, the statistics still do not tell the full story. You have to see this boy to appreciate him."

Citing West's all-around play, Jack Ramsey, the coach of the St. Josephs Hawks, said West was definitely the best performer in the country.

"I have a lot of respect for Oscar Robertson as he got 42 points against us," said Ramsey, "but West is liable to get 33 and hold his man to two. He never neglects defense."

Quite an impressive scrapbook for the shy looking, small town boy who is the number one citi-

## Colt Victory Will Cinch Playoff Berth

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The link of affection between the San Francisco 49ers and the Los Angeles Rams is about as strong as a wet noodle.

But the Rams can do the 49ers a tremendous favor by whipping the Baltimore Colts in their nationally televised game here Saturday.

A Ram win coupled with a 49er victory Sunday over Green Bay, would force the Colts into a play-off with the 49ers for the Western Division title of the National Football League.

And the Chicago Bears could make it a three-way tie by beating Detroit Sunday.

A Colt victory over Los Angeles would clear the deck for Baltimore and the New York Giants to play for the NFL championship.

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