

BALL CARRYING

Marion Motley, Cleveland's 238-pound fullback, is the new ball carrying champion of the League, supplanting Steve Van Buren, Philadelphia's veteran, who held the title for three years in succession.

The Browns' brilliant ground gainer carried the ball 140 times for a total gain of 810 yards for an average of 5.8 yards per carry. He scored three touchdowns, one of which was on a 69-yard run. Three times during the season Motley gained better than 100 yards in a single game. He rolled up 114 yards against San Francisco, 178 against Washington, and 188 against Pittsburgh.

Van Buren, hampered by injuries and unable to play in two games, finished in seventh position with 629 yards, on 188 attempts, and an average of 3.3 yards per attempt. In seven seasons the Louisiana State alumnus has rolled up 5,533 yards, the all time league record. He also holds the record for most attempts, 1,208.

Frank Ziegler, Philadelphia's sophomore halfback, provided one of the surprises of the season by finishing in second place with 733 yards on 172 carries and an average of 4.3 yards.

Joe Geri, Pittsburgh's all around brilliant, leaped from eighth position a year ago to third in 1950 with 705 yards, a gain of 162 yards over his 1949 performance.

Eddie Price, who gained over 1,100 yards in each of his last two seasons at Tulane, proved that he was one of the most adept ball carriers in the league in his first season of professional play, by finishing in fourth position with 703 yards and an average of 5.6 yards per carry.

Joe Perry, of San Francisco, moved into fifth position with 647 yards.

Twenty players in addition to Motley gained 100 yards or better in single games. Gene Roberts, New York Giants, rolled up the best single game yardage, 218, to break the league record of 215.

The New York Giants nosed out Philadelphia, defending champions, by eight yards to win the team championship, with 2,336 yards on 515 attempts and an average of 4.5. The Chicago Bears moved from fifth a year ago to third, Cleveland finished fourth and San Francisco, fifth.

1950 BALL CARRYING—TEAM

	Atts.	Tot. Yds. Gained	Long Gain	Ave.	First Downs	Touch-downs
New York Giants	515	*2336	74	4.5	114	21
†Philadelphia	*581	2328	52	4.0	*142	13
Chicago Bears	574	2308	45	4.0	141	25
Cleveland	457	2089	†69	*4.6	104	20
San Francisco	460	1955	†78	4.3	107	14
New York Yanks	397	1832	†60	*4.6	94	16
Washington	410	1773	†80	4.3	92	10
Los Angeles	404	1711	†64	4.2	112	*28
Green Bay	398	1706	73	4.3	82	15
Pittsburgh	477	1659	47	3.5	97	12
Detroit	389	1626	*†96	4.2	92	14
Chicago Cardinals	386	1604	39	4.2	84	8
Baltimore	345	1148	*†96	3.3	56	12
League Total	5793	24075	96	4.2	1317	208
League Average	445.6	1851.9	§73.4	4.2	100.5	16.0

*—High for 1950.
†—1949 leader.

‡—Touchdown run.
§—Average of 13 longest runs.

INDIVIDUAL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						NATIONAL CONFERENCE					
	Atts.	Yds. G.	G.	Av.	Tds.		Atts.	Yds. G.	G.	Av.	Tds.
Motley, Cleve.	140	810	69	5.8	3	Perry, S. F.	124	647	78	5.2	5
Ziegler, Phila.	172	733	52	4.3	1	Toth, N. Y. Yanks	131	636	59	4.9	5
Geri, Pitts.	188	705	47	3.8	2	Strzykalski, S. F.	136	612	38	4.5	2
Price, N. Y. Giants	126	703	74	5.6	4	Gulyanics, Bears	146	571	31	3.9	2
Van Buren, Phila.	188	629	41	3.3	4	Grimes, G. B.	84	480	73	5.7	5
Goode, Wash.	136	560	80	3.4	5	Hoernschemeyer, Det.	84	471	96	5.6	1
Roberts, N. Y. Giants	116	483	62	4.2	4	Davis, L. A.	88	416	55	4.7	3

INDIVIDUAL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						NATIONAL CONFERENCE					
	Atts.	Yds. Gain	Long Gain	Av.	Tds.		Atts.	Yds. Gain	Long Gain	Av.	Tds.
*Motley, Cleve.	140	*810	†69	5.8	3	Griffith, Giants	45	162	39	3.6	2
Ziegler, Phila.	172	733	52	4.3	1	Myers, Phila.	29	159	42	5.5	0
Geri, Pitts.	*188	705	47	3.8	2	Rote, G. B.	27	158	29	5.9	0
Price, Giants	126	703	74	5.6	4	Drazenovich, Wash.	35	155	28	4.1	1
Perry, S. F.	124	647	†78	5.2	5	Hoffman, Bears	42	154	25	3.7	0
Toth, Yanks	131	636	59	4.9	5	Nuzum, Pitts.	57	154	32	2.7	1
†Van Buren, Phila.	*188	629	41	3.3	4	Gilmer, Wash.	22	145	20	6.6	1
Strzykalski, S. F.	136	612	38	4.5	2	Graham, Cleve.	55	145	20	2.6	6
Gulyanics, Bears	146	571	31	3.9	2	Ostendarp, Giants	18	144	55	8.0	2
Goode, Wash.	136	560	†80	3.4	5	Campana, Bears	45	134	23	3.0	1
Roberts, Giants	116	483	†62	4.2	4	Tidwell, Giants	29	133	54	4.6	2
Grimes, G. B.	84	480	†73	5.7	5	Towler, L. A.	46	130	†34	2.8	6
Hoernschemeyer, Det.	84	471	*†96	5.6	1	Cason, S. F.	38	129	†24	3.4	1
Harder, Cards	99	454	22	4.6	1	Schwall, Cards	17	114	26	6.7	0
Trippi, Cards	99	426	22	4.3	3	Jackson, Giants	12	113	†57	9.4	2
Rogel, Pitts.	92	418	†40	4.5	3	Stone, Balto.	14	113	†72	8.1	1
Davis, L. A.	88	416	55	4.7	3	Yablonski, Cards	30	110	39	3.7	1
Taliaferro, Yanks	88	411	44	4.7	4	Williams, L. A.	13	108	38	8.3	1
Lujack, Bears	63	397	40	*6.3	*11	Gage, Pitts.	39	106	18	2.7	3
Reid, G. B.	87	394	57	4.5	1	Sitko, S. F.	23	105	15	4.6	1
Rykovich, Bears	122	394	18	3.2	7	Cole, Cleve.	26	105	16	4.0	0
Walker, Det.	83	386	†30	4.7	5	Collins, Balto.	69	101	12	1.5	0
Jones, Cleve.	83	384	†61	4.6	6	Campbell, Balto.	20	93	14	4.7	0
Hoerner, L. A.	95	381	†64	4.0	10	Triplet, Det.	14	92	14	6.6	0
Howard, Yanks	71	362	†60	5.0	3	Kalmanir, L. A.	20	83	33	4.2	0
Angsman, Cards	102	362	21	3.5	1	Mackrides, Phila.	21	82	18	3.9	0
Mutryn, Balto.	108	355	†34	3.3	2	Pearson, Det.	31	82	11	2.6	2
Dudley, Wash.	66	339	27	5.1	1	Panelli, Det.	32	82	14	2.6	0
Young, Yanks	76	334	20	4.6	1	Paul, Cards	14	80	18	5.7	0
Hunsinger, Bears	61	326	45	5.3	2	Tittle, Balto.	20	77	23	3.9	2
Scott, Giants	72	322	48	4.5	2	Cathcart, S. S. F.	33	76	17	2.3	0
Ledbetter, Phila.	67	320	23	4.8	1	Gehrke, S. F.	25	73	12	2.9	1
Justice, Wash.	59	285	71	4.8	0	Aldridge, Yanks	16	69	35	4.3	0
Coutre, G. B.	41	283	53	6.9	1	Saenz, Wash.	20	64	13	3.2	1
Albert, S. F.	53	272	42	5.1	3	Davis, H., Bears	10	57	†36	5.7	1
Clay, Giants	74	254	56	3.4	2	Reagan, Phila.	3	55	40	18.3	0
Morrison, Bears	66	252	25	3.8	1	Stout, Wash.	9	53	19	5.9	0
Smith, L. A.	51	250	25	4.9	1	Craft, Phila.	8	52	19	6.5	0
Layne, Det.	56	250	30	4.5	4	Cloud, G. B.	18	52	13	2.9	3
Canadeo, G. B.	93	247	15	2.6	4	Williams, Balto.	0	50	†50	0.0	1
Spavital, Balto.	58	246	*†96	4.2	2	Dowda, Wash.	23	47	11	2.0	0
Barry, L. A.	50	231	28	3.4	2	Scott, Phila.	13	46	22	3.5	0
Bumgardner, Cleve.	67	231	26	3.4	2	Buksar, Balto.	12	44	25	3.7	0
Cline, Det.	69	227	†41	3.3	2	Thomas, Wash.	20	41	18	2.1	0
Chandnois, Pitts.	71	216	17	3.0	0	Moselle, Cleve.	5	39	15	7.8	0
Parmer, Phila.	60	203	27	3.4	7	McWilliams, Pitts.	10	39	12	3.9	0
Phelps, Cleve.	39	198	33	5.1	2	Girard, G. B.	14	39	11	2.8	0
Carpenter, Cleve.	35	181	†61	5.2	1						

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