

= Dub Jones ( American football ) =

William Augustus " Dub " Jones ( born December 29 , 1924 ) is a former American football halfback who played ten seasons in the National Football League ( NFL ) and the old All @-@ America Football Conference ( AAFC ) in the late 1940s and early 1950s , primarily for the Cleveland Browns . He shares the NFL record for touchdowns scored in a single game , with six .

Jones was born into an athletic family in Louisiana and played a variety of sports , including football , at his high school in Ruston . The team won the state championship in 1941 , his senior year . Jones attended Louisiana State University on a scholarship for a year before being transferred to Tulane University in New Orleans as part of a World War II @-@ era U.S. Navy training program . He played football at Tulane for two seasons before joining the Miami Seahawks of the new AAFC in 1946 .

The Seahawks traded Jones at the end of the 1946 season to the AAFC 's Brooklyn Dodgers , who subsequently sent him to the Browns before the 1948 season . That year , the Browns won all of their games and the AAFC championship . The team repeated as champions in 1949 , but the AAFC dissolved at the end of the year and the Browns joined the NFL . A tall flanker back who was both a running and receiving threat , Jones was a key part of Browns teams that won NFL championships in 1950 , 1954 and 1955 . He was twice named to the Pro Bowl , the NFL 's all @-@ star game , including in 1951 , when he set his touchdown record .

Jones retired after the 1955 season , but returned to the Browns as an assistant coach in 1963 . The Browns won the NFL championship the following year . Jones left football for good in 1968 and went back to Ruston , where he worked with one of his sons in a general contracting business . Jones is a member of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and the Greater New Orleans Sports Hall of Fame .

= = Early life and college = =

Jones was born in Arcadia , Louisiana , but moved with his mother and three brothers to nearby Ruston , Louisiana after his father died when he was three years old . He played Little League Baseball as a child and went to watch boxing matches and baseball and football games at the nearby Louisiana Tech University .

Jones attended Ruston High School starting in 1938 , and played football under head coach L.J. " Hoss " Garrett . He was small in stature and did not make the first team until his senior year in 1941 . Ruston 's Bearcats football team won its first @-@ ever state championship that year , with Jones playing left halfback and tailback . Jones also played baseball and basketball and boxed in high school .

After graduating , Jones got a scholarship to attend Louisiana State University ( LSU ) in Baton Rouge , where one of his brothers played football . He stayed there for a year before joining the U.S. Navy as American involvement in World War II intensified . The Navy transferred him to a V @-@ 12 training program at Tulane University in New Orleans , where he played as a halfback and a safety in 1943 and 1944 .

Jones carried the football for a total of 700 yards of rushing and scored four touchdowns in 1944 , his junior year , and was named an All @-@ American and an All @-@ Southeastern Conference player by sportswriters . He trained as a fireman aboard submarines while in the Navy , and in 1945 he played football for a military team at the Naval Submarine Base New London in New London , Connecticut . Before beginning his professional career , he played in the 1946 Chicago College All @-@ Star Game , a now @-@ defunct annual contest between the National Football League champion and a squad of the country 's best college players . Led by quarterback and future teammate Otto Graham , the college players beat the Los Angeles Rams 16 ? 0 that year .

= = Professional career = =

Jones was selected by the Chicago Cardinals of the National Football League ( NFL ) with the

second pick in the 1946 NFL Draft , but did not sign with the team as he pondered returning to LSU to finish his studies . When the Miami Seahawks of the new All @-@ America Football Conference ( AAFC ) offered him a \$ 12 @,@ 000 contract , however , he accepted it and joined the team . The Seahawks won just three games in 1946 , the AAFC 's first season of play , and Jones was traded along with two other players to the Brooklyn Dodgers , another AAFC team , in December . The Seahawks , meanwhile , folded and were moved to Baltimore after the season because of poor attendance and shaky finances . Jones played sparingly for the Dodgers in the last three games of the 1946 season , rushing for 62 yards on 19 carries .

The Dodgers traded for Jones in part to replace Glenn Dobbs ? a star tailback in Brooklyn 's single @-@ wing offense ? because Dobbs was suffering from injuries . Jones himself was hurt early in the 1947 season , however , when he was hit by Bill Willis of the Cleveland Browns . Injuries to his knee , hip and clavicle forced him to sit out for several weeks . He broke his hand when he returned and had to play exclusively on defense for the rest of the season .

Paul Brown , the head coach of the Browns , was impressed with Jones 's defensive play for Brooklyn , and traded away the rights to University of Michigan star Bob Chappuis to acquire him in June 1948 . Jones began his career with the Browns as a defensive back , but was switched to halfback early in the 1948 season because his performance on defense wasn 't up to Brown 's standards . Jones played on offense alongside Graham , the team 's quarterback , and star fullback Marion Motley as the Browns won all of their games in 1948 and beat the Buffalo Bills for their third straight AAFC championship . He ended the year with 149 rushing yards on 33 carries .

Over the next two seasons , Jones developed into a star flanker , a position he helped invent . He was both a running threat and a receiver ? his tall stature was well @-@ suited to receiving ? and helped complement a passing attack that featured the Browns ' two main ends , Dante Lavelli and Mac Speedie . Jones often went in motion behind the line of scrimmage before the snap at a time when few players did so , causing confusion and mismatches on defense . He had 312 rushing yards and 241 receiving yards in 1949 , when the Browns won another AAFC championship .

Jones came into his own in the 1950 season , when the Browns joined the NFL following the dissolution of the AAFC . Cleveland won the NFL championship against the Rams that year , helped by Jones 's skill receiving short passes underneath opponents ' coverage . Jones had 31 receptions and 11 rushing and receiving touchdowns in 1950 .

Jones continued to excel in 1951 , scoring 12 touchdowns and amassing a career @-@ high 1 @,@ 062 yards from scrimmage . He tied an NFL record in a November 25 game against the Chicago Bears by scoring six touchdowns in a single game , a record he shares with Ernie Nevers ( 1929 ) and Gale Sayers ( 1965 ) . The Browns finished the season with an 11 ? 1 win @-@ loss record and advanced to the championship game , but lost this time to the Rams . Jones came in second in the NFL in touchdowns scored and was named to the Pro Bowl , the league 's all @-@ star game . He was also selected by sportswriters as a first @-@ team All @-@ Pro . " Dub has the speed , the guts and the know @-@ how of a great player , " Paul Brown said at the time , calling him " the most underrated player in the league . "

Jones made the Pro Bowl again in 1952 , when he had 952 total yards and six touchdowns . Cleveland advanced to the NFL championship for the third time in a row that year , losing 17 ? 7 to the Detroit Lions . In 1953 , Jones 's production declined : he had just 401 total yards and no touchdowns , and he decided to retire after the Browns reached and lost another championship game . He went back to Ruston to work at a lumber business he ran in the offseason , but Brown asked him to return in 1954 , saying the team needed him . Jones played for two more years , winning two more championships with the Browns before retiring for good . He pulled his hamstring in an exhibition game before the 1955 season , an injury that caused him to miss several games and bothered him all season .

= = Later life and coaching career = =

Jones spent seven years working at his business in Ruston after leaving the Browns . He worked briefly as a special instructor for the Houston Oilers and an occasional advisor to college programs

in Louisiana , but otherwise was out of football . He returned to the Browns as an assistant coach , however , in March 1963 after Paul Brown was fired by team owner Art Modell . Blanton Collier , Brown 's long @-@ time deputy , became head coach and put Jones in charge of the receivers . Jones and Collier had been close during his playing days , and Collier considered him an astute student of the game .

Under Collier , Jones supervised the offensive backfield and the ends , but was also the Browns ' offensive play @-@ caller . He directed the team from the press box on Collier 's behalf because Collier was hard of hearing and could not do so himself . The Browns won their first six games at the beginning of Jones 's coaching career in the 1963 season , although a late slump cost them a spot in the championship game . The team regrouped the following year , ending with a 10 ? 3 ? 1 win @-@ loss @-@ tie record and winning the NFL 's eastern division . Cleveland went on to win the championship game against the Baltimore Colts in 1964 . The Browns advanced to the championship game again the following year , but lost to the Green Bay Packers . During his tenure as a coach , Jones was the primary position coach for running backs Jim Brown and Leroy Kelly , both of whom are members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame . He also coached receiver Paul Warfield , another hall of fame member who helped propel the Browns to the 1964 championship .

Jones stayed with the Browns until early 1968 , when he quit and was replaced by Nick Skorich . The Browns had offered him a part @-@ time coaching job but made clear that he could not stay on as offensive coordinator ; Jones declined the reduced role . After leaving the Browns , Jones moved back to Ruston and did occasional scouting for the team at the nearby Grambling State University . He was also a volunteer coach of receivers on Grambling 's football team . Later in life , he worked for his son Tom 's general contracting business in Ruston .

Jones was inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 1982 and the Greater New Orleans Sports Hall of Fame in 1984 . He is the father of former NFL quarterback Bert Jones , who played 10 seasons in the 1970s and 1980s for the Baltimore Colts and Los Angeles Rams and won the NFL 's most valuable player award in 1976 . Jones and his wife , Schump , have seven children , including four sons who played college football .