

Ernie Davis--Syracuse University; 1st black athlete to win Heisman Trophy; MVP, Cotton Bowl 1959; 1st round draft pick in 1963; Diagnosed with Leukemia, 1963 before any chance to play pro football. This article written shortly before his death in 1963. This portion of his article was only slightly paraphrased and one obvious word replaced to be fitting for our shuffleboard family.

Grant Manning

ABOUT THE GAME

PEOPLE THINK MY LIFE HAS BEEN ABOUT SHUFFLEBOARD; I OFTEN THOUGHT SO MYSELF, BUT SHUFFLEBOARD IS, IN ACTUALITY, JUST A GAME, A GREAT GAME. WHAT MATTERS MOST IS WHAT YOU PLAY FOR. SOMETIMES, WHEN THE GAME IS CLOSE AND EVERYTHING IS ON THE LINE, THAT'S WHEN YOU FORGET THE CROWDS AND THE NOISE--THAT'S WHEN IT'S JUST YOU AGAINST SOMEBODY ELSE TO SEE WHO IS THE BETTER MAN.

THAT'S WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THIS GAME. AT THAT MOMENT, YOU ARE FRIENDS, AND YOU ARE ENEMIES--

AND MOST OF ALL, YOU ARE BROTHERS.