

record and an NFL high, but Snead was erratic. He became the first Redskin to throw for more than 3,000 yards (3,043), but his touchdown-to-interception ratio, 13-to-27, was alarming, and he was yanked at times for second-stringer George Izo.

### THE SAM AND SONNY CONNECTION

Snead, along with cornerback Claude Crabb, was dealt to the Eagles at the 1963 season's end for quarterback Sonny Jurgensen and defensive back Jimmy Carr. Jurgensen was the big catch, a seven-year NFL veteran with an accurate arm and lightning-quick release. He had posted league highs of 235 completions, 3,723 yards and 32 touchdowns in 1961, his first full season as Philly's starter, and an NFL-best 3,261 yards in 1962. To McPeak, Jurgensen was on par with the Colts' Johnny Unitas and the Giants' Y.A. Tittle as the NFL's elite quarterbacks.

Jurgensen was shocked when first-year Eagles coach Joe Kuharich, the former Redskins coach, made the trade. "It happened on April Fools' Day," Jurgensen said. "Somebody told me, and I thought they were kidding, putting me on. I'd just met Kuharich, and I didn't know anything about it. But it was the best thing to happen to me."

McPeak also orchestrated the acquisition of Sam Huff from the Giants for talented halfback and punt returner Dick James, defensive end Andy Stynchula and a draft pick. Huff, a battering ram linebacker who had earned four seasons of both All-Pro and Pro Bowl honors with the Giants, was also a celebrity who glamorized the relatively new middle linebacker position. He was profiled in the 1960 CBS documentary "The Violent World of Sam Huff," narrated by revered anchorman Walter Cronkite, and had been pictured on the cover of *TIME* magazine.

Huff had played in six NFL title games with the Giants, who won the championship his rookie season, and he balked at coming to Washington.

"I had such great success in New York, and New York was very, very special," Huff said. "I shared a locker with (baseball superstar) Mickey Mantle. We played at Yankee Stadium. I did radio and television with (sportscaster) Howard Cosell. I was

(Below) McPeak offered to move Mitchell (42) from halfback to receiver because of a weak offensive line. Mitchell once said he took one look at the line and said, "Yup."



# Jurgensen Bombs Giants, 36 to 21



(Left) Paul Krause, a rookie defensive back out of Iowa, picked off two passes against the Giants in November 1964, his seventh straight game with an interception. (Above) Krause wasn't the only new face in 1964; the Redskins had traded for Sonny Jurgensen, a veteran quarterback with the Philadelphia Eagles.

### 10 BIG GAMES REMEMBERED: 1959-1970

**Nov. 29, 1964:** Washington 36, New York 21, in Washington. Sonny Jurgensen threw four touchdown passes to catapult the Redskins to their first win over the Giants since Oct. 27, 1957. The Redskins trailed 14-10 at halftime, but Jurgensen threw two touchdown passes to Bobby Mitchell and one to Charley Taylor as part of a 26-point second-half barrage. Preston Carpenter caught Jurgy's other scoring pass in the first quarter. The Redskins intercepted three passes, including two by Paul Krause, who increased his season total to 12.

something. I didn't want to be traded from a championship team, a championship organization."

He delayed signing for several months, but McPeak's assurance that Huff could wear his iconic No. 70 helped lure him to the nation's capital.

Thus began the Sam and Sonny connection, today so synonymous with the D.C. sports scene. The two Hall of Famers played together in Washington for five seasons and became teammates again as Redskins radio analysts in 1981. They've shared space in the booth ever since and have become like brothers. "[Sonny] said to me, which nobody's ever said before, 'You're the brother I've never had,'" Huff said. "I'd do anything for him. I have two brothers. One lives in Denver, the other in West Virginia. I don't even communicate with them. Sonny and I are very, very close."