

# CARDS CONFIDENT AS THEY RENEW TITLE ACTION WITH A'S

## Macks Hard to Beat at Home, Ruth Warns

St. Louis Has Best Chance to Take World Series of Any National League Club Since 1926, Babe Asserts; Even Break Spurs Birds.

BY BABE RUTH

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 5.—If confidence were a sure guarantee of world series success, I think I would have to change right now and agree that this series looks like sure triumph for the St. Louis Cardinals. I don't think I ever saw a ball club so satisfied that it was on its way to victory as those Cardinals were when they arrived in Philadelphia Sunday, for the third game of the series. From manager to bat boy they believe in themselves.

Their answer is to be found in the success which they had in peppling Lefty Grove so hard in the first game, and in Hallahan's brilliant form in the second game. But a big part of the answer is to be found in the fact that they proved themselves at least as good as the A's in the first two games.

"If we could do those things in those games, why can't we keep on doing it?" was the way one of the Cardinals expressed it to me this morning.

## Card Rookie Under Knife

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 5.—Dr. Herbert M. Goddard performed a minor operation today on Paul Derringer, young pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals, who was suffering from nasal abscess.

Dr. Goddard said Derringer would be confined to his hotel room for a day or two. He refused to say whether Derringer would be able to pitch in any of the remaining series games with the Athletics.

Gabby Street, manager of the Cardinals, asked Dr. Goddard to do his best to have the pitcher ready for the Tuesday or Wednesday game. The doctor made no promises.

## Can Take 'Em

IT has been fifteen years

since Al Feeney was the all-western center team mate of Knute Rockne and mainspring in Notre Dame victories. But

today Al carried two black eyes and a broken nose, part of the 25-0 victory scored by the Irish over Indiana at Bloomington Saturday.

Al, regularly on hand at most of the Irish games, was holding one end of the head linesmen chain when Sheekeyki made a wide end run. Lyons, big Negro Crimson end made a diving tackle. As they headed for the cinder running track that bounds the gridiron, Feeney attempted to check Sheekeyki's fall. A foot of the little half back whirled in the air and struck the veteran star in the face. Feeney, who is to broadcast this week, rejoices at the fact he is not to be television.

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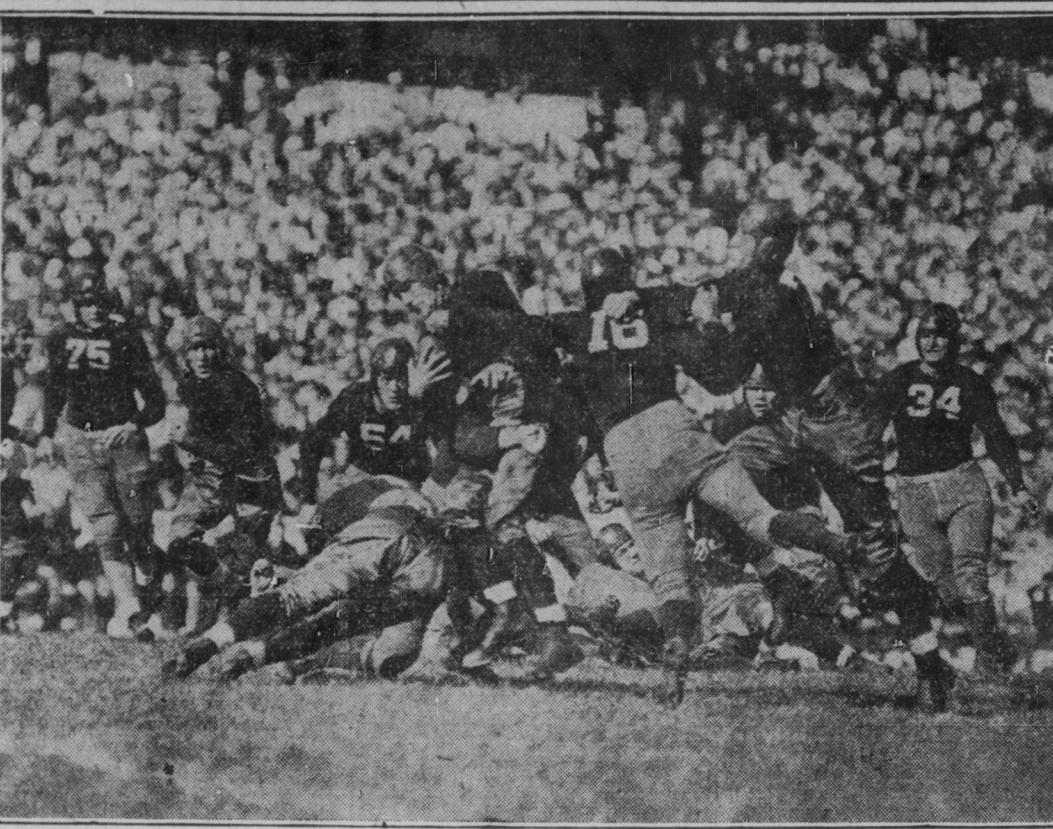
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## Schwartz Does His Bit for Irish



Notre Dame hasn't uncovered another Frank Carideo yet, but the Irish are not lacking in ball carriers and stellar blockers. Of course, Marchy Schwartz, the 1930 hero, still is the No. 1 man, but Sheekeyki, Branchman, Cronin, Koken, Banas—all gave good performances in the 25-0 triumph of the Fighting Irish over Indiana Saturday. Here's Schwartz going on an eight-yard jaunt through the Crimson line in the first quarter.

## Notre Dame Swamps I. U., Purdue Takes Two, and Butler Tumbles

BY DICK MILLER

Called upon to carry on for "Rock" the 1931 Notre Dame grid team flashed powerful, but inconsistent form to swamp Indiana at Bloomington Saturday, 25 to 0. The Irish machine, again a contender for national honors, unleashed the morale spells confidence. They figure they can do to the A's this year what Hornsby's Cardinals did to the 1926 Yankees. And I believe this Cardinal team has a better chance to win than any National League team has had since 1926.

The next three days, however, are likely to be tough ones for the Cardinals. The A's will be playing at home, and that gives them a tremendous advantage. Not that base ball is played differently at home than when a team is away from home. But you will find that most great clubs are even more effective on their own field, even though they will win a majority of their games while away.

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With the antics of a bucking bronco, a chap named Branchman spun, twisted, dashed in pleasing fashion. While some thought he was doing all of it, LaBorne dashed off a few yards as another find Vejar who went in with the last back field, demonstrated there are more "finds" to come before the season is over.

Purdue amassed enough points during the afternoon to claim a double header, 28-0, from Western Reserve and 19-0 from Coe. Ohio university, who felt the sting of defeat the first in twenty games last week when they lost to Indiana, took it out with a vengeance on Butler Saturday at Athens, O., 40-0. Manchester college proved the old stoolie for De Pauw and did not wilt until the end,

27-14. Wabash never got their fighting spirit up until Evansville scored a safety but before it was over all was Wabash, 27 to 2.

Ball Teachers of Muncie was crushed at Oxford, O., by Miami, 47-0.

Paul Brown and his veteran Rose Poly crew opened things up all wrong for Earthland and defeated the Quakers, 20 to 6. Oakland City mussed up Indiana Teachers college, 13 to 0, and Valparaiso continued winning ways at the expense of Central Normal of Danville, 18 to 0.

Notre Dame failed to function during most of the first half and the I. U. boys got into the second half with a bang, 10 to 7. Indiana's two yards for the first Notre Dame counter. Bright spot of the opening half was Zeller's recovery of a punt. Vic Powers' forty-yard return of a pass from Dickey was the pick of the day that just went under the bar.

Ball Teachers of Muncie closed off yardage galore. After an interception a pass with the Irish threatening, in one end zone, Powers' return and dashed for second Notre Dame touchdown. The mighty Schwartz took a lateral from Powers and ran for the fourth quarter and with less than ten seconds to play the Irish reserves let a savage attack that gave the upstarts a 27-14 victory.

With two strikes on him he took a swing at a drive ball that was so low it bounded into the dirt before the catcher's glove. In such circumstances it is necessary to touch the batter out or throw to first. But Mr. Wilson did neither. He threw to third to beat off double X Fox who at the moment was storming on the base line to third.

Just why Mr. Wilson did this probably

will never be known. I note by the press

discrepancy that Mr. Wilson admits he was bewildered by it and had no clear perspective on the play.

"I was dumb and I am big enough to admit it," says Mr. Wilson. "The facts seem to speak for themselves. Mr. Wilson is in truth very big and there seems to be no question but that he was dumb."

Was he the only dumb person on the field? According to Mr. John J. McGraw with whom I have talked, Mr. Wilson was not the only one who was dumb. In fact Mr. McGraw is disposed to argue that in effect Mr. Wilson's throw to third base was proper enough in that it actually retired the runner.

The players aren't supposed to think,

says Mr. McGraw, but they know, having once been a ball-player themselves.

"But umpires are different—they ought to know what it is all about at all times."

There is no subject on which Mr. McGraw waxes more eloquent than of umpires. In this particular instance he winds up and takes a full swing at what he sees as the colossal stupidity of his old pal, Bill Klem, who was umpiring at third base.

"Now when Moore smacked that ball he was not out," says Mr. McGraw. "There were two men on the bases at the time. Moore was entitled to first base if he could get there. Finally he got there. (Mr. McGraw fails to state that he got there by a walk, or a hit, or a base on balls.)

"All right then. With Moore a base runner this made it imperative that the two other base runners had to advance to make room for him at first, and so the chance for a forced play at both second and third was created. Wilson threw to first, with the runner there, and the ball was a dumb play, but when he threw it he forced out Fox and was then forced to third base.

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