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SPORTS...

By Eddie Ash

ST. LOUIS is a baseball stronghold and will be during the next week or 10 days. . . . And it's a bitterly divided sports stronghold, the home of the champion Cardinals and the champion Browns. . . . Cardinal supporters are shouting "Quiet, please," Brownie adherents still are shouting "Hip, hip, hooray."

Civically speaking, St. Louis has nothing to lose in this world series. . . . It has the diamond classic all wrapped up. . . . But Junior Solomon, the Sportsman's park batboy, was confronted with a tough decision after the Browns nailed down the American league flag Sunday, for he has served both Cardinals and Browns this year.

With both of them playing in the series, he had to choose between the two. . . . But he got out of the difficulty by some quick thinking. . . . He said he would be the batboy for the "home" team.

The Cardinals will be the "home" club for the first two games, tomorrow and Thursday. . . . Friday, Saturday and Sunday, if the series goes into a fifth game, will have the Browns wearing the white uniforms.

Next Tuesday Open in Event of Tie

IN the event the series should go six or seven games, the Cardinals will move back to the third-base dugout. . . . An open date has been declared for Tuesday of next week, should a three-three tie prevail, to enable the clubs to sell the final block of tickets.

This is all a new experience for every member of the Browns. . . . Not one of the players ever had been on a big league pennant winner before. . . . Manager Luke Sewell and Coaches Zach Taylor and Fred Hofman had experienced the thrill in their playing days.

This Corner 'Likes' the Cardinals

ALTHOUGH the Browns finished the regular season hotter than a firecracker, this corner is picking the Cardinals in six games, mainly on superior pitching. . . . However, the Browns do not have to take a back seat in the mound department. . . . They may not have a Cooper, a Wilks or a Brecheen, but they do have a top performer in Nelson Potter, a righthander who won 19 games against only seven setbacks in regular season. . . . Jack Kramer, Bob Muncrief, Denny Gablehouse and Sig Jakucki also are better than fair.

And you can never tell in a brief series. . . . Look what happened to the Milwaukee Brewers in the American association play-off and to the Detroit Tigers against Washington's last-place club.

Notre Dame Introduces New Kickoff Style

JAMES KEARNS, Chicago Sun, who watched Notre Dame's footballers crush Pittsburgh last Saturday, reveals that the Irish kick off this year without having anyone hold the ball. . . . Kearns said Bob Kelly merely sets the ball flat on the ground, pointing downfield, takes two steps and kicks a line drive. . . . and that the ball almost invariably takes a crazy bounce when it comes down and the opposition has to chase it around to field it, making the style fairly effective for the kicking team.

Heber Williams Bowls 692 Total in Service Club Loop

Heber Williams, a member of the Service Club bowling league, did a good job of scoring in the loop's session at the Parkway alleys last night.

Williams, who has participated in league bowling for eight years, connected for 212, 224, 256-682 which was the top solo series in the city in last night's league competition. The score was the highest rolled by Williams and also set an all-time record in the Service Club loop. He is a member of the J. C. Perry team.

Wilfred Brebop continued his hot pace with 175, 234, 278-687 for Roehl Drugs in the South Side Business Men's league at Sport Bowl. Cpl. Jim Gray, a soldier who resides in Dayton, Ky., finished in the show position with a 266, 183, 234-683 in the Stout Field league, also rolling at Sport Bowl. It was the best series ever rolled in the army circuit.

Two Others Reach 650

Two other individuals reached the 650 mark. Frank Stump rolled the best total of the season in the Evangelical league at Pritchett's. He had 215, 269, 194-678 for the Yankees. Dick Hilton hit 650 on the nose with 223, 186, 241 for Ballard Dairy Products in the Holy Cross league at Fox-Hunt.

In feminine leagues Mickey Pritchett nabbed individual honors with a 558 for Consolidated Finance in the Uptown Monday Night league.

OTHER BOWLERS (MEN)
Major Hunt, Harrison-McCormick
Howard Deers Jr., South Side Business Men's
Bob Roberts, Fraternal
Bill McRae, Holy Cross
Bob Woogar, Little Flower
Joe McCormick, Holy Cross
Bill Newell, West Side Church
Chas. Cray, Reformed Church
Walt O'Neil, Brightwood Merchants
J. C. Perry, Square Club
Dick Hafner, Reformed Church
Dick Breckin, Reformed Church
Jim Mickey, M. Philip
Bill Lohman, Holy Cross
Bob Heverian, Indiana Bell Telephone
Frank Lohman, Indiana Bell Telephone
Bill Newell, West Side Business Men's
Robert, Optimist
Jim Bryant, West Side Church

OTHER LEAGUE LEADERS (MEN)
Harold Sherwood, Allison Gingers
Gene Zwister, Courthouse

OTHER LEAGUE LEADERS (WOMEN)
E. Hynes, Herman Schmitt Insurance
Ellie Matkovich, Real Silk Mixed
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Pin-Up Boy

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Cards Betting Choice, but Sentiment Favors Brownies

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coasted to their third consecutive National league pennant.

The pressure on the Browns has been heavy—but they have been winning and the Cardinals in the past month have looked like anything but the pre-war ball club they were in piling up such an early lead that their pennant drive never was in doubt.

May Manager Billy Southworth can get his horde of stars back on the victory trail for the cold statistics showed them superior to the Browns in almost every department of the game. But it was a sure bet that there was another department in which they might tie the Browns, but never beat them—and that was fighting heart.

Playing Over Heads?

Never before has a team with such few established major leaguers as the Browns ever won a league pennant. All season long, no matter what the odds were against them, they came up with champion ship pitching from a staff that had no champions, hitting from batters who were strictly so-so at the plate and fielding from fielders who never fought heart.

National leaguers—and a lot of American leaguers, too—felt that the Browns have been playing over their heads. They figured that the fighting spirit which carried them into baseball's top ranks, after years and years in the poorer brackets, may have been good enough for a league championship, but probably would fall short when world series chips are riding.

While the Browns were sentimental favorites, St. Louis was tak-

CHICAGO, Oct. 3 (U. P.)—Judge Kenesaw M. Landis will miss the world series for the first time during his 24 years as baseball commissioner when the St. Louis Browns and the St. Louis Cardinals open the annual classic tomorrow.

The 78-year-old baseball star's office announced yesterday that because of illness, which although not serious, prohibits the commissioner from traveling to the judgment of his physician, the judge will be unable to attend the series.

Landis appointed Les M. O'Connor, secretary and treasurer of the commissioner's office; William Harridge, president of the American league, and Ford Frick, president of the National league, as his representatives to supervise, control and direct the series games.

St. Louis fans. Their ball clubs have won, that's, and come what may the 1944 world series flag will fly from a St. Louis flagpole.

Neither Southworth nor Sewell would say definitely who their starting pitchers would be tomorrow but the assignments probably will go to Morton Cooper, the strong-armed right-hander of the Cards, and Nelson Potter, a barn-burner whose clutch hurling kept the Browns in the running when they appeared after kicking away a seven game mid-August lead.

Sewell had no injuries to worry about. His only problem was to keep his club keyed up to the pitch that carried it through one of the games stands a team has ever made. But the situation was different from Southworth.

His hitting star, Stan Musial, was recovering from injuries; his south-paw pitching ace, Max Lanier, was trying to shake off a late season slump which saw him knocked out of the box seven times in as many starts, and Outfielders Danny Litwhiler and Johnny Hopp were probably starters.

Litwhiler has a bad knee, Hopp had back. The chances were both would play and that Southworth would try Lanier in the second game against Jack Kramer. There wasn't much doubt but that the other starting pitchers would be Ted Wilks and Harry Brecheen for the Cardinals and Denny Gablehouse and Sig Jakucki for the Browns.

Browns' Spirit May Win

On records, that starting Cardinal quartet had it over the Browns. So did batting and fielding averages but anything can happen in a short series and one thing that could not be overlooked was the ability of the Browns to come through when the chips were down.

They may not belong on the same field as the Cardinals so far as ability is concerned, but they don't have to take a back seat to any club when it comes to spirit. And that could be the difference, although the odds were against it.

Tami, Oma Matched

NEW YORK, Oct. 3 (U. P.)—Tami Mauriello, ranking New York heavyweight, was rematched today with Lee Oma of Madison Square Garden Nov. 3, Promoter Mike Jacobs announced.

Del Baker Quits

CLEVELAND, Oct. 3 (U. P.)—Del Baker, coach of the Cleveland Indians since 1942, has "quit" his job, Vice President Roger Peckinpaugh announced today.

Split-Second Speed Generated From Explosive T-Formation Makes Illinois Big Ten Favorite

CHICAGO, Oct. 3 (U. P.)—Split-second speed, generated from Illinois' explosive T-formation, presented a rare spectacle today as it cast a threatening shadow over midwestern football fields.

The constant threat of four 10-second backs, each of whom is capable of touchdown sprinting, has given the Illini the stature of a Big Ten championship favorite, despite the fact that the season is young and Illinois has a mediocre line and a green team.

Never before has so much breakaway talent been assembled at one Big Ten school as the quartet of quarterback Don Greenwood and halfbacks Eddie Bray, Paul Patterson and Buddy Young at Illinois.

In pre-season rating, Coach Ray Elliot's "trigger boys" were classed a novelty. They had a makeshift line, with weight but little talent at tackle and a converted fullback at center. And although speed has long been a championship producer,

experts figured Elliot had too big a package of swiftness and nothing else.

Another point was Illinois' lack of a fullback. All great T-formations have had speed supplemented by a heavyweight line-cracker such as Bill Osmanski for the Chicago Bears and Norm Standlee for the championship 1940 Stanford crews. Illinois has 170-pound Jerry Cies who is used as a blocking fullback.

Illinois' victories over Illinois and Indiana failed to dissipate the doubts. However, the Illini shed the "freak ralments" Saturday when they came from behind to tie the heavy and experienced Great Lakes' Bluejackets, 26-26.

Elliot didn't need a great line or fullback as he scored a major upset by running the Sailors dizzy with Greenwood, Patterson and Young.

Illinois runs into Purdue at Champaign, Ill., Saturday in the best conference clash of the day.

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