

BEAR MATCHUPS

Bears vs. Browns at Soldier Field, 6 p.m.

TICKETS—Nearly 6,000 tickets remain on sale for the new Soldier Field seating arrangement of 64,000.

TV-RADIO—WBBM-TV (Channel 2,) delayed telecast at 9 p.m. WBBM (AM 780), live.

THE GAME—The Bears' home opener and the third of their four preseason games.

THE SERIES—The Bears and Browns have met 21 times, 14 in the preseason. The Browns have won 15 times.

LAST TIME—The Browns beat the Bears 14-7 Aug. 25, 1977 in quarterback Mike Phipps' first game since his off-season trade from Cleveland to Chicago. The Browns sacked him five times for 58 yards, and Phipps completed only 3 of 13 passes for 28 yards.

RECORDS—The Browns have lost to Kansas City 42-0 and to Washington 12-3. The Bears have beaten the Jets 21-9 and lost to Cincinnati 21-3.

WHAT TO WATCH—When the Bears have the ball, they will get another look at a "34" defense after their poor performance against Cincinnati last week. They ran well against the Bengals, but could not pass. Coach Neill Armstrong plans to use his first team for a longer time, and the result should show on offense; Cleveland's defense finished 27th in the league against the rush and 19th against the pass last year and still has not



The Honey Bears will be showing off their new uniforms, modeled here by Patti DiAndrea (left) and Mary Kay Kriese, at Saturday's game. They also are helping to sell an orange towel for fans to wave (a la Pittsburgh's "Terrible Towel"), with royalties going to the Brian Piccolo cancer research fund; it's called "Winnin' Linen."

found the right combination of pass rushers.

The Bears' first-string offense drove 89 yards against the Jets on their first possession of the year, but has not scored since. Soon, it will be time for the quarterbacks to time up with James Scott and Rickey Watts.

● When the Browns have the ball, they will be looking for their first touchdown—they haven't scored one no matter what string is playing. This is unusual for a team that ranked No. 3 in the league on offense, but not yet alarming. Presumably, quarterback Brian Sipe, who beat out Phipps in Cleveland, can crank up the offense with receivers Dave Logan, Ozzie Newsome, and Reggie Rucker; anytime. The Browns feel this trio is the best in football, and last year's No. 1 draft choice, Willis Adams, is pushing Rucker.

Heisman Trophy winner Charles White

appears ready to take over the halfback spot from rehabilitating Greg Pruitt. Fullback Mike Pruitt, from Chicago's Phillips High School and Purdue, became one of the best in the league last year.

KEY MATCHUPS—Cleveland tight end Ozzie Newsome vs. Bears strong safety Gary Fencik. This will provide a good idea of how well Fencik's knee has mended.

Bears' receiver James Scott vs. right cornerback Oliver Davis. Most of the time Scott will have to beat Davis.

Cleveland free safety Thom Darden vs. Bear quarterback. Darden may tie the best in the business.

Bear cornerback Terry Schmidt vs. Dave Logan. Logan is Cleveland's top receiver.

INJURIES—Cleveland: defensive end Jerry Sherk (staph infection), running back Greg Pruitt (knee). Bears: running back Roland Harper (knee), middle linebacker Tom Hicks (coll).