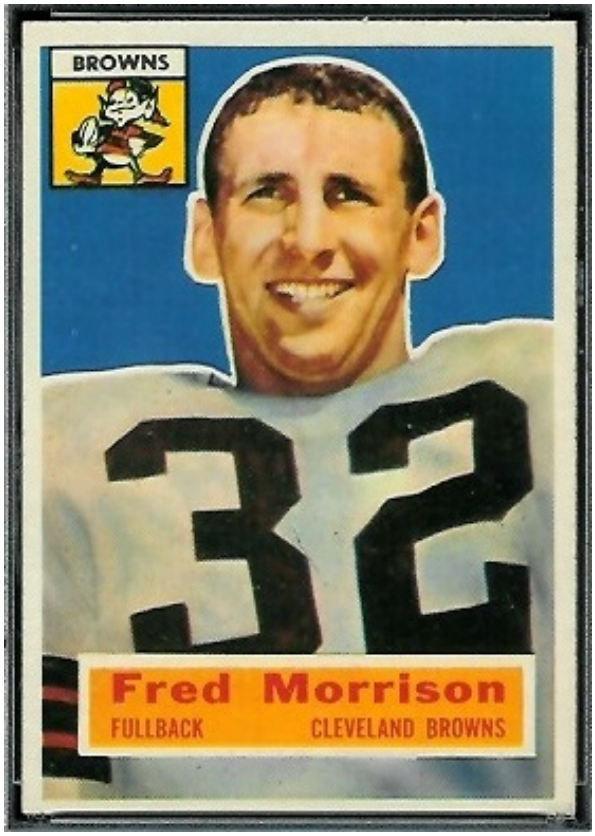

I am not exactly a Woody Allen kind of guy. He is brilliant, and clever. He is also whiny, and self-absorbed. And you know how Opening Day at Progressive Field is fun, despite having to tolerate the onslaught of the superficial, see-and-be-seen crowd? Attending Woody Allen’s films is very similar to that.

But there is one Woody Allen quote that I love. I try to live by it:

“Eighty per cent of success is just showing up.”

During our older daughter’s college experience, I have worked that theme repeatedly. There are people to meet. Things to try. What a chance to get out there and begin to experience life. And who knows what doors may open to other, unforeseen possibilities?

Just showing up allows serendipity to occur. Meaning, the fortunate occurrences that seem to happen by accident. Many of us met our spouses after showing up, somewhere. It certainly

happened that way with me, thankfully (no, it was not at a Woody Allen premiere).

In the winter of 1961, a series of events was in motion that would forever impact the relationship between the city of Cleveland and her beloved Browns. For some, it was a case of serendipity.

It is a story that had begun over ten years earlier.

***

The 1950 Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California pitted the Ohio State Buckeyes against the Bears of the University of California. Held on January 2nd (due to the

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

8
33
81