

The image shows the cover of the SABR 37 Convention Program for St. Louis, 2007. The top section has a red background with the text 'SABR 37 CONVENTION PROGRAM' in white. Below this, the words 'ST. LOUIS' are written in large, glowing, pixelated letters. Underneath, the dates 'JULY 26-29, 2007' are displayed. On the right side, there is a circular logo for the 'ST. LOUIS SABR 2007 ANNUAL CONVENTION'. The background of the cover is a photograph of two baseball players in white uniforms with red accents, one with 'PUJOLS' and the number '5' on his back, embracing each other. A white text box at the bottom contains the following information:

Event 21—3:30–4 PM (Ballroom F/G)
Research Presentation T06: Steve Steinberg
"September 18, 1922: The Most Heartbreaking Loss in St. Louis Baseball History"

The final game of the "little World Series" between the Yankees and the Browns in Sportsman's Park was indeed a heartbreaker for the home team. The Browns entered the game in second place, a mere half-game behind the Bronx Bombers, and then saw five late-inning bad breaks deprive them of victory. The three-game set, taken 2–1 by the Yankees, featured New York finally defeating its old nemesis Urban Shocker in the opener, even though centerfielder Whitey Witt was knocked unconscious by a soft-drink bottle thrown from the stands. The Browns rallied to win the second game behind Hub Pruett, the southpaw screwballer who "owned" Babe Ruth, while Browns' first-baseman George Sisler extended his record hitting streak to 44 games. The strongest Browns team ever (including the 1944 AL champs, Steve Steinberg believes) would finish a game behind the Yankees. How different would the Browns' franchise history have been had the 1922 squad won that series and then the pennant?

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