



## SPORTS...

By Eddie Ash

CHET LAABS, the St. Louis Browns' outfielder who belted two home runs yesterday and clinched the American league pennant for Luke Sewell's team, is an American association product. He formerly played for the Milwaukee Brewers and was terrific with the bat in the A. A.

Indianapolis' large park did not cramp Laabs' homer hitting. Left and left center were his favorite spots to park his drives. And he walked a couple over the top of Victory field scoreboard. . . . When Chet was with the Brewers, Rudy York, Tiger slugger, was a teammate and the pair of long ball hitters made life miserable for A. A. pitchers.

The glorified Browns upset the calculations of the experts by taking four straight from the Yankees and the experts also were dumfounded by last-place Washington's two-out-of-four from the Tigers.

Paul (Dizzy) Trout, the native Hoosier who was sent to the Tigers by the Indianapolis Indians, had the misfortune to be mauled twice in the Washington series. However, genial Paul received weak hitting support by his mates yesterday and it was the end of the trail for Detroit.

## Give the Browns Credit, Boys

The Browns' first pennant in American league history was richly deserved. . . . The team bounced back after a late-season sweep and fought on to win despite heavy pressure and tense games.

The once-powerful Yankees finished six games behind the new American league champs. . . . Cleveland and the Athletics wound up deadlocked for fifth. . . . In the National league the Pirates nosed out the Reds for second place by game and a half.

Brooklyn's beloved Bums finished seventh, 4½ games off the pace. . . . Second-place Pittsburgh finished 14½ games behind the winning Cardinals.

## Huge Saturday for Hoosier College Football

HOOSIERLAND'S major college football teams achieved a clean sweep Saturday and topping the victory list was Indiana's surprising 20-to-0 upset of Michigan. . . . Purdue took Marquette for a 40-7 ride and Notre Dame crushed Pittsburgh, 58-0. . . . It looks like a big season for the Hoosier Big Three.

Last year Notre Dame and Purdue carried the state's gridiron high and wide nationally and now Bo McMillin's Crimson machine gives every indication of going places along with the Irish and the Boilermakers.

IN DEFEATING Michigan, the Hoosiers looked the part of champs. . . . They corrected the errors made in losing to Illinois on Sept. 23 and made everything sure in blocking and tackling. . . . Their forward wall was solid and the backfield ripped the Michigan line.

Once the Hoosiers got going they settled down and outclassed the Wolverines in almost every department of play.

## Notre Dame and Purdue Crush Opponents

NOTRE DAME had a field day at Pittsburgh. . . . The Panthers had no defense to cope with the Irish attack. . . . It was Notre Dame's 40th opener and was not a true test of the Irish strength. . . . Coach McKeever's ladies scored nine touchdowns, Bob Kelly leading with four. . . . All 35 squad members saw action against the helpless Panthers and the second and third teams were on the field for the final 27 minutes.

AFTER Marquette scored on Purdue, the Boilermakers found their stride and struck on the ground and in the air to turn the contest into a rout. . . . The Boilermakers tallied six touchdowns and penalties kept them from at least another pair. . . . Purdue flashed too much all-around power for the Hilltoppers, who were put out of the running in the second quarter when Coach Isbell's grididers scored 20 points.

## The Baseball Calendar

AMERICAN LEAGUE				NATIONAL LEAGUE			
(Final)				(First game; 13 innings)			
St. Louis	89	65	578	St. Louis	....	696 310 000	5 11
Detroit	89	65	578	New York	....	696 301 000	6 12
New York	83	71	530	1. Byrd	....	696 301 000	6 12
Cleveland	77	77	500	2. Adams, Fischer and	....	696 301 000	6 12
Philadelphia	73	72	468	MacLean, Berres,	....	696 301 000	6 12
Chicago	71	83	461	3. Schmidt and	....	696 301 000	6 12
Washington	64	90	415	4. Berres.	....	696 301 000	6 12

## RESULTS YESTERDAY

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York ..... 101 000 000 2 6 0  
Detroit ..... 696 220 010 1 4 0

Queen, Borey and Garber; Jakucki and Hayworth.

Washington ..... 696 300 000 1 4 0  
Detroit ..... 696 300 000 1 4 0

Leonard and Ferrell, Trout and Rich-

ard.

(First game) Philadelphia ..... 696 000 014 5 9 1  
New York ..... 696 000 000 1 4 0

New York, Borey, Hayes; Henry, Klie-

man and Ruzkowski.

(Second game; 10 innings) Cleveland ..... 696 000 000 5 9 1  
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Blatz, Flores, Berry and Hayes; Harder and Schaefer, Suse.

(First game) Boston ..... 696 010 200 2 5 0  
Chicago ..... 696 000 000 1 5 1

Cell and Conroy; Hayes and Jordan.

Boston ..... 696 010 000 1 5 1

Woods, Haussman and Conroy; Hum-

phries and Jordan.

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## Browns Win Their First Pennant In History

Cinderella Boys Triumph  
In Hard Way, Nosing Out the  
Tigers in Season's Final Day

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once again faced Kreevich. And again Kreevich singled. Laabs again stepped to the plate. And again he put the ball into the pavilion, scoring two more runs.

That would have been enough, but just to make things comfortable, Vernon Stephens hit a home run in the eighth off Hank Borowy, the Yankees' leading pitcher whom McCarthy had sent in to relieve Queen after Laabs' second homer.

It was Jakucki's 13th victory against nine defeats, while for Queen it was his third defeat against six victories. Both clubs got six hits.

Everyone was a hero to

all the others, and outstanding of these heroes was Chet Laabs, whose two home runs provided the power to down the Yankees yesterday in Sportsman's park in the game that meant gold and glory. The score was 5 to 2.

It was 22 years ago that the Browns made their first serious bid for an American league pennant. They lost then to the Yankees by one game. So it was satisfying that the Yankees were the victims this year. At Detroit, the last-place Washington Senators gave the Browns the assist they needed by defeating the Tigers—with whom the Browns were tied when the last games started.

When the odds are against them, the Browns are at their best. And they had one other advantage yesterday. When they took the field the scoreboard showed that the Senators were leading Detroit 3 to 0.

Jittery in Early Innings

But they were jittery for the first three innings, throwing the ball away and practically handing the Yankees two runs. It wasn't until the fourth that they showed the stuff of which champions are made. By that time the Senators were leading 4 to 0 with the Tigers at bat in the last of the ninth.

To the cheer of more than 37,000 fans—the largest crowd ever to watch the Browns play at Sportsman's park, Mike Kreevich opened with a single to left. Up stepped Laabs, a .330 hitter and part-time ball player and war plant worker.

He caught hold of one of Mel Queen's hard, high fast ones and dumped it among the spectators in the left field pavilion to tie the score.

After that Sig Jakucki, a minor league pitcher until the war drained major league ball clubs of many of their players, closed the scoring on his last pitch.

With two down in the fifth, Queen

Donated in kind by smacking Laabs behind the ear.

Kreevich came in for his share of hugs and smackeros too. McQuinn held onto the ball which ended the game as though it were a million dollar war bond. Jakucki put an arm across his shoulders, wiped a quart of sweat off his brow and said:

"Look, pal, that ball means a lot to me. How about giving it to me?"

McQuinn's face fell to his knees.

"Well," he said, "let's be neighborly about this thing. I'll give you half of it."

Barnes heard the argument and summoned Bobby, saying: "Fetch me a saw, son."

Bobby fetched one and McQuinn and Jakucki spent 10 minutes trying to hack the ball in two. It was no good. Even ersatz Laabs had tipped him for fetching a soda. The coin fell heads; McQuinn won.

Reliables and Gold Medal  
To Meet for Sandlot Title

King Reliables and Gold Medal Beer will battle for the city amateur baseball championship next Sunday.

The Reliables qualified for the play-off by eliminating Stewart-Warner at Victory field yesterday. Errors proved costly to both teams in a game that was finally won by Fred (Pop) Cato, Reliable third

his team's triumph over the S-W's the previous Sunday, was again yesterday's hero. He took over the mound duties in the first half of the tenth, after Ochell Tuck had been relieved in favor of a pinch hitter in the ninth.

Cato retired the side in order, striking out the last two batters. With one out in the bottom half of the ninth, he lashed out a double and scored the winning run on Ed Power's single.

The winners got off to a two-run lead in the fourth when Lowell Young doubled and scored on Butch Isenberg's single. F. Cato then doubled Isenberg's roller and Fred Cato reached first and Young scored when Stevens erred again.

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