

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 walloped 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 Brownies 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 slump 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 a game and a half. Brooklyn's beloved Bums finished seventh, 42 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 20-0 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 grid banner high and wide nationally and now Bo McMillin's Crimson machine gives every indication of going 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 lads 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 gridders scored 20 points.

The Baseball Calendar

AMERICAN LEAGUE (Final)			
St. Louis	89	65	478
Detroit	88	65	471
New York	83	71	438
Boston	77	77	406
Cleveland	72	82	468
Philadelphia	72	85	468
Chicago	71	85	468
Washington	61	90	416

NATIONAL LEAGUE (Final)			
St. Louis	100	65	511
Pittsburgh	90	68	414
Cincinnati	89	68	414
Chicago	75	79	487
New York	67	87	435
Boston	65	89	422
Brooklyn	65	91	409
Philadelphia	61	92	396

RESULTS YESTERDAY			
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
New York	101	000	000-2 6 0
St. Louis	000	000	000-2 8 0
Queen, Borowy and Garbarik; Jakucki and Hayworth.			
Washington	000	300	010-4 8 0
Detroit	000	000	001-1 4 0
Leonard and Ferrell; Trent and Richards.			
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Philadelphia	000	000	011-3 9 1
Cleveland	000	000	000-2 8 0
Newson, Berry and Hayes; Henry, Kilman and Runkowski.			
(Second game, 10 innings)			
Philadelphia	000	000	000-5 9 1
Cleveland	000	000	000-9 4 1
Black, Flores, Berry and Hayes; Harder and Schleier, Busch.			

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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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country over they will be the sentimental favorites.

The fight that won the Browns their first world series gold since the American league began operating in 1901 was magnificent. They went down to the last day to win, and, as they had been showing all season long, they had what it takes in the clutch. No one, including their manager, Luke Sewell, could class them a great club, but they have fight and courage.

Everyone a Hero

Everyone of them 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 23 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.

Jitters 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 230 hitter and part-time ball player and war plant worker. He caught hold of one of Mel Queen's hard, 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 club of many of their players, closed the scoring door on the Yankees. With two down in the fifth, Queen

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.

Sewell, as happy as a school boy, was too excited to think about the series—but it was dollars to doughnuts that it would be Nelson Potter pitching the first game for him against Morton Cooper, the strong man of the Cardinal staff, when they square off day after tomorrow.

(Fans in Demonstration)

After First Baseman George McQuinn had snared Oscar Grimes' last-out foul ball, the 37,000 fans spilled, snake-dancing, onto the field. When Jakucki came out of the dressing room in shirt sleeves after showering, the autograph fans took over.

In the dressing room the Browns held their own celebration. Class distinctions didn't exist. Batboy Bobby Scanlon, who also handles the resin bags and bats and runs out for "cookies" for the Cardinals, walked up to Don Barnes, club president, and planted a wet kiss on his cheek.

Don retaliated 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 neighbors 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 baseballs are tough. Bobby dragged out the quarter Laabs had tipped him for fetching a soda. The coin fell heads; McQuinn won.

Reliables and Gold Medal To Meet for Sandlot Title

Kingan 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 the Meatmen, after 10 innings. Fred (Pop) Cato, Reliable baseman, who drove in five runs in his team's triumph over the 8-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 inning, 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 Loyell Young doubled and scored on Bulch Isenberg's single. F. Cato then plated Isenberg with a one-base smack.

Retires Side in Order

Stewart's knotted the count in their half of the fifth, when the Meatmen committed their only error of the game. Harry Durham walked and Bob Hildebrand was safe on Frank Fletcher's error. Both runners tallied when Prostey Steven's grounder got through Isenberg.

Two runs in the sixth put the 8-W's out in front. Lefty Comstock singled and scored when Phil

The Kiss of Victory



President Donald L. Barnes expresses his appreciation for Chet Laabs' pair of home runs that gave the St. Louis Browns their first American league pennant in history. The Browns defeated the Yankees, 5-2, as Detroit dropped a 4-1 decision to Washington.

Notre Dame, Illinois, Sailors Are High in Midwest Ratings

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—The Monday roll call of perfect record football teams, survivors of a welter of Saturday upsets, reads as follows:

East—Army, Cornell and Pennsylvania.

Midwest—Notre Dame, Wisconsin, Illinois and Great Lakes Naval.

South—Georgia Tech and North Carolina Pre-Flight.

Rocky Mountain—Second Air Force Superbombers and Colorado College.

Missouri Valley—Tulsa and Oklahoma A. & M.

Southwest—Randolph Field, Texas, Texas Christian, Texas A. & M. and Southern Pacific.

Pacific Coast—Washington, California and Southern California.

There are other unbeaten teams in all sections, but they haven't outstanding performance. They meet Tulane this week.

Tulane Next for Irish

The Irish of Notre Dame were the prestige of national champions well in romping to a 58-0 victory over Pittsburgh in Saturday's most meet Tulane this week.

North Carolina Pre-Flight's 21-14 victory over Navy's touted Middles ranked with Penn's 18-7 defeat of Duke as the day's top upsets. Indiana scored a 20-0 victory over unbeaten Michigan.

Dartmouth got a 6-7 tie with Holy Cross. Army was impressive in beating North Carolina, 46-0. The Soldiers play Brown this week. Yale meets Cornell, Pittsburgh seeks to recoup against Bethany, Columbia opposes Syracuse, and Harvard tackles Boston college. Navy meets Penn State.

Illinois Meets Purdue

Illinois got a 26-26 tie with Great Lakes naval's power-packed eleven and has another toughie waiting in Purdue. Other Midwestern headliners are Wisconsin-Marquette, Minnesota-Michigan (for the Little Brown Jug), Great Lakes-Northern, and Ohio State-Iowa.

In the South, Georgia Tech which crushed Clemson, 51-0, goes after twice-chastened North Carolina and Wake Forest meets Maryland. Other standout games match Duke-North Carolina Pre-Flight, Alabama-Howard, Clemson-North Carolina State, Georgia-Presbyterian on Friday, Virginia-West Virginia, Kentucky-Michigan State, Tennessee-Mississippi, and Virginia Military-Independence.

Kansas State and Missouri open the Big Six season while Oklahoma plays Texas A. & M., Iowa State meets Doane, Kansas opposes unbeaten Tulsa, and the Second Air Force Superbombers meet Iowa Pre-Flight Seahawks.

Colorado College stakes its record against Ft. Warren in the Rockies while on the West Coast the stand-out game is California's clash with Southern California.

In other Pacific area games, Nevada plays Arizona State, U. C. L. A. meets San Diego Naval and Washington takes on little Williamette.

Sugar Costner Meets Fowler

A rematch between George (Sugar) Costner, the Cincinnati boy who is being groomed for the welterweight championship, and Bobby Fowler of Minneapolis, who was giving the Queen City beller all he could handle before being forced to quit after two rounds of a scheduled six here two weeks ago. The bout is billed for eight rounds and will top next Friday night's six-event pro card to be staged at the Armory.

Another rematch will feature the semi-windup with Tito Taylor, Chicago middleweight, meeting Bud Hershey, Ft. Wayne, at six rounds. Taylor won on a technical K. O. in the fifth round of a scheduled six over Hershey here recently.

Nenoff to Appear In 5th Tag Match

Steve Nenoff, the New York matman who upset Farmer Jones here two weeks ago, will be appearing in his fifth tag-team match when he goes action in the Armory ring tomorrow night.

Nenoff and Gil La Rosa, both rough and tumble grapplers, go against Rene La Belle of Toronto and Tex Hager of Portland, Ore. Gil is from Boston. In four previous tag-team tussles staged during the outdoor season, Nenoff's team won three and was disqualified for alleged rough tactics in the other.

Hager, tomorrow night's partner for La Belle, is a newcomer who is anxious to make good here. He was rated a star on the west coast. The bout is for two falls out of three.

Al Szasz of St. Claire, Mo., meets Gorilla Foggi of Argentina in the opener.

Braves Purchase Columbus Player

BOSTON, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—Acquisition of first baseman Joe Mack by the Boston Braves today brought to 10 the number of minor league players obtained by the National league club for spring delivery.

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'Billy the Kid' Is Happy That Brownies Won

WITH THE CARDINALS EN ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—Billy Southworth, Cardinal manager, rejoiced today that the St. Louis Browns and not the Detroit Tigers, won the American league pennant and the right to meet the Cardinals in the world series opening in St. Louis Wednesday.

"I realize it means a tougher series for the Cardinals—much tougher than if the Tigers had won," Southworth said, "but just the same, I know the Browns deserved the pennant, and I'm really glad they won. While I never wanted to be quoted on the subject while the American league race was on, I was pulling hard for the Browns all the time. And the same goes for my boys—they all wanted to see the Browns win."

A radio man remarked that the "Cards ought to whip the Browns four straight."

Browns Are Balanced

"Don't talk like that," Billy said. "After all, the Browns are the best balanced team in the American league, regardless of what the eastern critics think of them. Can you name a single weak spot in their lineup? Can you name an individual star? Who wins their ball games? Every man on the roster. On the other hand, the Detroit Tigers, whom you fellows have been boosting so religiously here lately, have two great pitchers and Dick Wakefield, who do most of their winning. There's the difference in the two ball clubs."

Southworth wouldn't even hint who would start on the mound for the Cards Wednesday, but it is an open secret that it will be Mort Cooper, who has won 22 games this year.

"I have something more important to worry about," he said. "It's my left fielder, Danny Litwiler."

Danny had to be taken out of the first game of yesterday's double-header with the Giants because a knee injury was giving him trouble.

"Very definitely, I don't like it," Southworth said. "First he was hit on the right knee with a foul tip over in Philadelphia. Then the pain seemed to move to the rear of his knee. Now it seems to have taken it isn't an injury; it might be rheumatism, and in that case, he may not be able to play at all in the series. If so, Augie Bergamo will play left field."

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