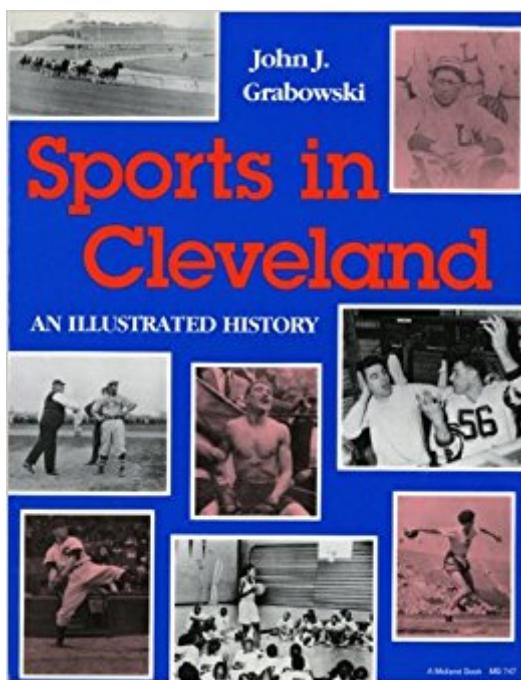


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An encyclopedia of sports in Cleveland dating from 1796 to 1990.

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As co-editor of the massive Encyclopedia of Cleveland History, John J. Grabowski - and co-editor David D. Van Tassel - set an indelible mark in chronicling the city's history. Sports in Cleveland: An Illustrated History, is an offshoot of the encyclopedia which delves into the history of amateur and pro sports from 1796-1990. In 145 pages of text that is supplemented by numerous photographs,

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