Men in blue respond to all crises

It's been great to be able to stay with the game. I've seen high school kids like the Bando brothers (Sal and Chris) develop into pros and I've even done some card-dropping (acquiring) for the Indians and the Cincinnati Reds.

- Umpire Don Schrider

Schmidt, the Cleveland umpire, has to be at every game, no matter how long it takes, to make sure the rules are followed.

The game is not played under the lights, but in the dark. It's a job that requires a lot of concentration and patience.

In the last two weeks, I've had to make some tough calls. One was in the last inning of a close game, and I had to call a runner safe at home plate. It was a gutsy call, but I had to make it because it could have affected the outcome of the game.

I'm looking forward to the rest of the season. We have some important games coming up, and I'm excited to be a part of them.