

**Women in Baseball
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As the baseball season winds down we now can begin to plan for next season. Exciting things continue to be happening in the women's baseball world. Just this past weekend the annual Reunion of the AAGPBL took place in Rockford, IL. Check out the Rockford paper for excellent coverage of the gathering. The SABR Annual Meeting took place in St. Louis from July 26-29, 2007. Women's baseball was well-represented with a panel as well as our committee meeting. The panel session was moderated by Jean Ardell, author of *Breaking into Baseball*. We had an excellent turnout for the talk and great presentation by those who participated. We had a good representation of those who participate in women's baseball including players, writers, front office personnel and spouses. Included among the participants were Cecilia Tan—current player and author; Dorothy Mills—author and researcher; Melody Yount—works for the St. Louis Cardinals; Erma Bergmann—an AAGPBL player; Judith Testa—author; and Sara Blasingame—wife of former ML player Don Blasingame and daughter of MLer Walker Cooper. It was exciting to listen to their experiences and their advise to young ladies interested in the game. Thanks especially to Steve Gietschier who helped us set the panel up and have it included in the program.

Remember the best way for us to stay informed about women's baseball is to communicate with one another. Please send me any and all articles,

programs, citations etc that you find. It will be better for me to receive the information four times than not at all. You can either mail the materials to me or attach them as e-mails or even fax an article to me at 330-494-6121. Thanks in advance for your continued help in preserving the history of women in baseball.

Also check out our Yahoo discussion group and join in.

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TO THE WOMEN IN BASEBALL GROUP

I have been doing research into long marathon games lasting 20 or more innings, or five or more hours for over four decades. The only women's games I have found so far are the following ones. I am certain that this list is incomplete. If you know of such a game that is not listed here, could you please notify me via e-mail at plowry1176@aol.com so that I may update and correct the records?

Also, if you have missing info on the games on the list, please let me know. For example, in all probability someone must know the date of the 1949 game in Muskegon which went 22 innings. Your help will be greatly appreciated.
Phil Lowry (plowry1176@aol.com)

FIVE HOURS OR MORE
none found YET

20 INNINGS OR MORE
22 innings - Horlick Athletic Field, Racine, Wisconsin - 7/31/1947 - All-American Professional Girls Baseball League (AAPGBL) - South Bend Blue Sox 4 Racine Belles 3 in 4:30 - 1456 fans.

20 innings - Playland Park, South Bend, Indiana - 9/10/1948 - All-American Professional Girls Baseball League (AAPGBL) - South



Amarillo Daily News article

- Recent books, articles, websites and other projects. Thanks to the following people for sending material.**
 Dick Clark, Jim Glennie, Larry Lester, Skip McAfee, Wayne Stivers
 (**Denotes item available for a SASE, 1 stamp per 4 pages).
 ** "Female Baseball star Vying for Roster Spot with Long Beach Armada" 6/1/07
 ** "The Girls of Summer" 5/27/07
 ** "Kill the Umpire? Nah, Ask to Marry Her." 5/31/07
 "Baseball's Leading Lady" NPR program with Ria Cortesio
 ** "Girls Finally Get a Team of Their Own." *Chi. Tribune*, 9/29/06
 ** "Standout Shows Baseball is a Women's Game" *Washington Post*, 8/20/06

- ** "Bay City Native Pitched in All-American Girls League" *Bay City Times*, 4/4/07
 ** "Canadians Looking for Gold" *Alberni Valley Times*, 7/25/06
 ** "Teen Makes the grade" *Melton Leader* 1/23/07
 ** "Champs First Time Around" *Hill Shire Times* 3/27/07
 ** "Young Pitcher Enjoys Both Sides of success" *Centralian Advocate* 4/10/07
 ** "Our Mother's Game: Women in Baseball" Dorothy Seymour Mills

Check out the new video posted on YouTube from the NY Women's Baseball League.
 The video is located at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7x7Qqwe0uKs>

See the below link for an entry done by Peter Bjarkman about a lady umpire in Cuba.
www.bjarkmanlatinobaseball.mlblogs.com

The 2007 Women's Baseball International Friendship Tournament took place in Cary, NC from September 1-3, 2007. Canada took first place with a 4-2 record with the USA in second place and Japan in 3rd.



Team Canada wins!!

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=2660372069500668358>

Check out the above video on you tube for a short look at the tryouts for the USA National Team.

The WBL is sending the only team from North America to compete in the **Phoenix Cup 2008 Hong Kong Women's Baseball Tournament**. The Hong Kong Baseball Association is hosting this club tournament and has invited attendees from China, S. Korea, Australia, Taiwan, and Japan. The tournament is February 13th-18th, 2008.

<http://baseballglory.com/hongkong.htm>

See the above link for more details about this historic tournament.

Research Requests

What are you looking for? What are you currently working on? Let us know and we can help one another as we are doing our research.

Why has there never been a Women's ML except for the AAGPBL in the 1940s and 1950s? There are leagues in basketball, football and soccer. Anyone with any thoughts at all please send to Leslie and it will be passed on to a student working on a school paper.

Anyone with any information on Olivia Taylor—Indianapolis ABCs owner from 1922-24? Please send to Leslie.

Greetings from the WWBA!

Our tournament team, the Washington Stars, just competed in the largest women's baseball tournament *ever* in Detroit last weekend. There were 16 teams with three separate divisions (upper, lower, and youth). It was exciting to see the future of women's baseball first-hand with so many young, enthusiastic, and talented ball players.

The women's baseball culture is definitely growing around the US and internationally. Thanks to everyone who has, and continues to support us while we live our dream!

The Stars played in the Upper division and fielded the best team we've ever had, although our 1-3 record doesn't do our performance justice. This was the 7th tournament appearance for the WA Stars since we formed in 2003 and we're looking forward to competing in many more. The team also played in Vegas earlier this year and will be going to Florida in late October. Tax deductible sponsorship opportunities are available.

We don't have enough female players to host our own women's league again yet, but we're accepting pre-registrations for the future and look forward to someday running another league and a national tournament.

Right now we're planning to register a women's team in the Stod's Boys Baseball league. Many of us are interested and excited to play regularly scheduled games, but we need to have a full roster committed, so let me know if this is something you're interested in.

We'll play double-headers every Sunday starting August 11th in the Bellevue area and then finish with a mini-tournament on September 22nd. Cost per player is \$200 and we have to register by the middle of this month, so time is of the essence.

We're also looking for volunteer coaches to help out when possible.

Thanks for reading, and take care.

Yours in baseball,

Stephanie Derouin
WWBA President

[Http://www.wwbabaseball.com](http://www.wwbabaseball.com)

The National Sports Museum in NYC is working on their exhibits and planning on devoting a portion of their space to women in baseball. Check out the museum's website for more details.

www.thesportsmuseum.com

The Virginia Fury

Established in the spring of 2007, the Virginia Fury is one of 6 baseball teams in the Eastern Women's Baseball Conference (EWBC). Located in metropolitan areas of Baltimore and Washington DC, the EWBC is dedicated to providing opportunities for girls and women to play organized baseball and preparing amateur female baseball players for national and international competition. The EWBC uses Major League Baseball rules and includes teams from the metropolitan areas of Baltimore, MD and Washington, DC.

Ailsa
Davidson—
details from the
Doncaster
Dragons website

Ailsa Davidson

Name: Ailsa Davidson

Nickname: Davo, Harley, Alse, CN, Festy

Date of birth: 26/11/86

Playing position: Pitcher

First baseball club: Churchill

Baseball debut: 1994

Status: Single

Hobbies: Road trips, camping, ute musters, gym, music, baseball, beach, shopping, teaching P.E, going out with mates

First job: Gigging with my brothers

Favourite type of Music: Country, Rock, Old, Dance

Favourite sport away from baseball: Soccer & Basketball

First car: 1989 Nissan Vector-broke down last night

Baseball ambition: To make another Australian team

Favourite food: Chocolate

Favourite drink: Black Cherry Cruisers & Beer

AFL team: Essendon/Cowboys

Most missed memory: Living in the country

If you could meet anyone in history: Keith Urban

Greatest baseball moment: Playing in the World cup and Winning the Division 1 Grand Final

Ideal job would be: P.E teacher or personal trainer

Ultimate holiday: Boat cruise or 4WD around Outback Australia



New elite women's traveling baseball team in 2007

Women Ages 18 and Older from the Metro Detroit area are eligible to play in the Detroit Women's Baseball League and on the Pro teams. Please contact Lauren for more info at: DetroitHardball@aol.com or call (248) 755-8828. **Girls 17 and Under** are eligible to play in the girls' division of the Michigan-Ontario Girls' Baseball League (MOGBL). Contact Shawn Macurio for more info at: MOGBL@comcast.net or call (734) 483-1225.

Pac West Women's Baseball started in 2005 and encompasses players from all over the Pacific Northwest. Pac West is a traveling women's baseball team.

That's right, baseball. People often mistake us for a softball team, but we are one of many women's baseball teams that play in national tournaments.

Our team is based in Bend, Oregon, but we have players from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Iowa and Oregon. We are always looking for players who want to play competitively and have fun as well. Please contact us if you're interested.

info@pacwestwomensbaseball.com

Welcome to the home of the Michigan-Ohio Girls' Baseball League!

The Michigan-Ohio Girls' baseball

league is a place where girls can play baseball with and against other girls while having fun, acquiring new skills, learning about fundamentals and mechanics, learning the game, polishing their talents, and making new friends. Perhaps some of these girls will desire to play baseball when they get older... in women's leagues in high school, college, recreational leagues, national, regional, and international competitions, and even in pro ball. MOGBL is committed to helping these girls acquire the necessary skills, knowledge and experience in order to fulfill their dreams and desires of playing baseball at higher levels. MOGBL is also committed to showing its players how to be team players and good sports while having fun when playing baseball.

The MOGBL will start play in its inaugural season of 2008. The season will run from the beginning of July or the middle of July through the end of September. Currently, teams are being formed in:

Ann Arbor Detroit
Farmington Hills Toledo

Please send correspondence, questions, suggestions, ideas to Leslie Heaphy for future newsletters. Our committee is only as active as you the members help to make it. Thanks for your help in keeping our list updated. Just a reminder that some of you have not paid your dues to SABR yet this year and should send that in if you also want to continue receiving other SABR publications.

Thanks,
Leslie and Claudia