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Summer is here and there are lots of new baseball books on the market for all interests. Please remember to let me know if you read any articles, books etc... dealing with women in baseball. Others will probably be interested as well. This is the best way to spread the word and educate others on women's role in baseball. If you get an opportunity to write or speak on the issue, be sure you take the chance or let someone else know if you can't.

I hope to see you all in Pittsburgh and particularly at our Committee Meeting scheduled for Saturday morning from 8:30-9:30 am. Also of interest will be a session led by Barbara Gregorich and Dr. Gai Berlage entitled "The Colorado Silver Bullets: Can Professional Women's Baseball Succeed?" on Friday at 2:50 pm. Come out and support our committee members and learn something as well. If you have anything to be brought up at our committee meeting please call me before June 13th or look for me in Pittsburgh before Saturday morning.

****Recent Books and Articles****

The following list has been compiled thanks to contributions from: AAGPBL-PA, Dick Clark, Barbara Gregorich, Andy McCue, SABR Office. Thanks everybody for thinking of us!!!

**Denotes all items available for a SASE (about 1 stamp per 4 pages)
"AAGBL Register" in 4th Edition of *Total Baseball*--any corrections, additions that need to be made can be forwarded to David Pietrusza, 49 Heritage Parkway, Scotia, NY 12302.

***"Believe It: This Woman Throws Hard"--tryouts for the Silver Bullets.

***"Playing Hardball with Gender Equity."--from the *San Francisco Examiner*.

***"From Bloomer Girls to Silver Bullets" by Barbara Gregorich in *Dugout-Baseball Beyond the Box Score* (Winter 1995).

***"Jackie Mitchell and the Northern Lights" *Timeline* (May/June 1995) by Barbara Gregorich.

Up to the Plate-The All American Girls Professional Baseball League-Margot Fortunato Galt, Lerner Publications.

Baseball cards designed by Fritsch Card Co.--\$19.95 per set (\$6 S&H) from Larry Fritsch Cards, 735 Old Wausau Road, PO Box 863, Dept. 297, Stevens Pt, WI 54481

****Research Needs****

Anyone with information on Eleanor Engle, please send to me and/or Jim Thornberry, 8651 Zinnia Way, N, Maple Grove, MN 55369.

Dave Stephens is looking for information about the actress Helen Dauvray who sponsored the Dauvray Cup at the 1887-89 World Championships. Any ideas, information can be sent to me and/or Dave Stephens, 4930 N. Kentucky Ave., Chicago, IL 60630.

Early Accounts

In 1922 the *Baltimore Afro-American* included the following advertisement recruiting players for a local women's team.

"The Black Sox Bloomer Girls baseball team is being organized and girls who can toss the horsehide globule around are requested to communicate with Mr. Marion Watkins, Baltimore."

In a 1921 game between the Baltimore Black Sox Bloomer girls and the Excelsior Girls (won by Baltimore 17-14) the reporter stated the fans came expecting to get a good laugh and came away impressed by the talent on the field. The game ended in protest over a call by the umpire in the bottom of the 9th that put the Black Sox ahead.

****Final Comments****

A new baseball magazine has been launched called *The Vintage and Classic Baseball Collector* by Dennis Purdy Sr. Questions, subscription requests, etc... can be addressed to: Pretty Panda Publishing, 1620 So. Mildred, Ste 3-222, Tacoma, WA 98465.

The next newsletter will come out in September 1995. Please send all information to me by the end of August. It will also include a report from the Convention in Pittsburgh. If you have trouble getting ahold of me during the summer months, please bear with me and keep trying because I am finishing my dissertation and moving to start a new teaching job. Keep me posted on anything you see or hear about related to women in baseball.

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