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The new baseball season has begun for both men and women. It is exciting to watch as each new team has the chance to show off its stuff, players get a chance to make the team and fans can believe their team can win it all.

Lots of exciting things have been happening for women's baseball since last fall. One of the most unique opportunities was the 24 hour game in Tucson, Arizona. The game was played to increase awareness about women's baseball and to raise money to fight AIDS in Africa. Rob Novotny had been planning this event all year and hoped to have over 100 women participating. The New York Times gave coverage to the game and the women who participated said it was awesome to see that many ladies playing. For one young lady, Lily Niland it was a rare opportunity to play with other women. She plays for her high school JV team.

At the end of February there was another women's baseball conference in Baltimore, Maryland. It included speakers such as Wilma Briggs of the AAGPBL and clinics for ball players. See Justine Siegal's website for further details.

Dorothy Mills has published her new book, A Woman's Work with McFarland. It is about working with her husband Harold Seymour on his baseball texts. She will be speaking at this year's Seymour Medal Conference in Cleveland—check out the website for all the details.

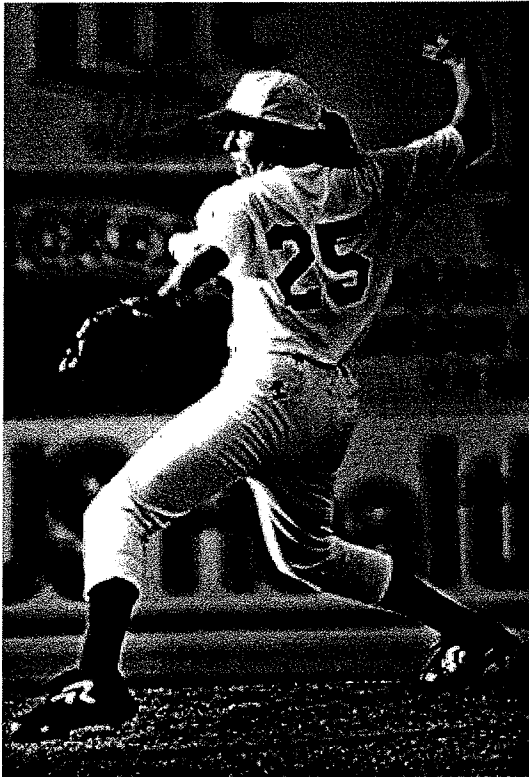
The SABR Annual Meeting is coming before you know it and is in Cincinnati this year. We will have a committee

meeting there and I'll keep you posted on time and place.

There are also growing efforts to increase our knowledge of women's play in the 19th century. The Vintage Baseball Association has a meeting the end of March to talk about creating more women's teams.

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.

Book Project Update: Articles are being revised and the manuscript is slowly coming together.



Recent books, articles, websites and other projects. Thanks to the following people for sending material. Dick Clark, Tom Giffen, Jim Glennie, Larry Hogan, Justine Siegal
 (**Denotes item available for a SASE, 1 stamp per 4 pages).

**** Whole series of articles on Australian baseball****

****Series of articles following the death of Marge Schott****

****Whole series of articles on Toni Stone****

****series of articles on Amanda Clement****

****series of articles on Ria Cortesio****

Check out the National Women's Baseball Hall of Fame website if you have never been there before. They archive all copies of their monthly newsletter and it includes information on each year's inductees

The 2004 World Series is scheduled for July 15-23 in Uozo City, Japan. This

will be followed on July 30 by the start of the IBAF World Cup of Baseball in Edmonton, Alberta.

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.

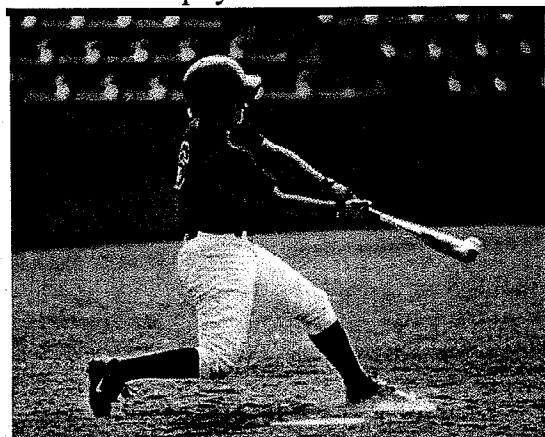
If you have a topic you are researching let me know what it is and I can now check the bibliography I have for what articles, collections etc I am aware of on all kinds of subjects.

Priscilla Astifan is still looking for any information out there on the traveling Red and Blue Stockings from 1879.

Information can be sent to her directly at pastifan@rochester.rr.com

Anyone with any information about the Dolly Vardens please send to Leslie Heaphy and it will be passed on to a student working on a school paper.

Anyone with any information at all about former player Urseal Williams of the Knoxville Giants please pass that on to Leslie Heaphy.



Tryouts are starting all over for various women's teams. Check the web for more information or get in touch with me and I can put you in touch with those who can help you find a team.

For example, there is a new league just starting in the Philadelphia area and a new Elite Girls Baseball Program for the 17U group is starting.

What do you know about the Pawtucket Slaterettes? Never heard of them—well you should have because they have been involved with women's baseball for many years. Check out their website and see what they are doing to give women a chance to play baseball at all levels.

Ever get a chance to interview any women ball players? We need to be thinking about documenting the current game as women are playing so that we are not searching for the stories 30 years from now.

Member News

An interesting question posed to your chair and one I continue to share with all of you—If you had to put together a women's all-star team with 5 pitchers and 3 utility players in addition to your regulars who would you include and why? Send your replies to me and the results will be shared with the rest of the committee in future newsletters and in the near future on our newly revamped website.

Women's All-Star Team

C Mary "Bonnie" Baker
1B Dottie Kamenshek
2B Toni Stone
3B Jean Weaver/Maddy English
SS Dorothy Harrell/Dorothy Schroeder
OF Helen Candaele
OF Betty Foss (Weaver)
OF Jane Stoll/Joanne Weaver
P Jean Cione/Ila Borders
P Helen Nicol (Fox)/Linda McGill
P Doris Sams/Connie Wisniewski
P Pat Scott/Mamie Johnson
P Dottie Wiltse (Collins)
U Sophie Kurys

U Elizabeth Mahon

U June Peppas

These names came from four rosters that were submitted to me—what do you think? Agree/disagree? Who would you want on your team? What about some of the earlier women ball players like Loretta Lipski? Send me your picks and I'll include them in the next newsletter.

It was suggested by one member that Ruth Richard should be included at catcher, Jean Faut Eastman as a pitcher and Dottie Ferguson as a utility player—any other suggestions?



Please send correspondence, questions, suggestions, ideas to Leslie Heaphy for future newsletters. Also, I heard from a number of you and am grateful for the responses. Those who did not respond please try to let me know whether you still wish to receive our newsletter. Please write or e-mail me as to whether you wish to continue to be on the mailing list. **If I do not hear from you I will not be sending future issues of the newsletter.** 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



Baseball season has begun—take advantage of
the chances to get out and see the many women's
teams that are playing. And when you do see
any publicity at all send it to us so we can
document this history.