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Postseason play is well underway and we could see history in the making if Boston and Chicago both make the series.

Had a great meeting this summer in Denver with a good turnout of committee members and interested SABR members. We got to hear from a couple of current players as well as hear a presentation by Jean Ardell on three women in the front office.

On October 18-19 a number of women are participating in a 24 hour game in Tucson, Arizona. The game is being played to increase awareness about women's baseball and to raise money to fight AIDS in Africa. Rob Novotny has been planning this event all year and hopes to have over 100 women participating. Watch for publicity on this historic event.

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.

Bob, Bluthardt, Richard Hopkins, Cathy Kreyche, Tom Giffen, Jim Glennie, Walter Kephart, Justine Siegal

(**Denotes item available for a SASE, 1 stamp per 4 pages).

** "Colts Let Go of Burnham"

** "WBL's Girls Team Play in Boy's Tournament in Cooperstown"

** "Women to Play a 24-Hour Game to Benefit AIDS Victims in Africa"

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.

Anyone with suggestions about where someone could find information about women in the area of baseball administration please send the ideas to Leslie Heaphy. These will be passed on to a student working on a thesis in this area.

Priscilla Astifan is 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 at all about former player Urseal Williams of the Knoxville Giants please pass that on to Leslie Heaphy.

Anyone finding articles on the 24 hour game in Arizona please send to Leslie Heaphy.

California Women's Baseball Classic

Five teams competed in San Diego in July and the Bay Area All Stars swept all five games. They outscored the opposing teams 70-15.



The 2003 WWS played in Australia is complete and Japan beat Australia in the Gold Medal Game 4-2. The USA was 1-5 and led in hitting by Donna Mills who hit .429 in 21 Abs with 3 RBIs. Rhonda Palmer won the only game for the USA. Nicole Cain led Australia hitting .714 while Sayaka Ota led Japan hitting .667. The Japanese pitching staff was well-balanced and led by Chihiro Kobayashi with a 1.23 ERA. Terina Stockes won 2 games for Australia.

This year's inductees into the National Women's Baseball Hall of Fame include Dottie Ferguson, Stephanie Ciulla, Kristen Guidace, Shawn Macurio, and Carol Sheldon. Congratulations to each of these players.

Member News

An interesting question posed to your chair and one I now 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)
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 three 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?

The East coast Women's Baseball League was created during this past year by Mitch Miles and Adriane Adler. In 2002 they had three teams and then a 4th team was added. The 4 teams are the Elmwood Park Angels, the Madison Mets, the Parsippany Yankees and the Indians. In the first game of the year the Indians clobbered the Angels 16-4 on 13 hits and 10 walks.



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

The South Bend Blue Sox were led this season by the play of Ashley Holderman who not only pitched solidly but also contributed at the plate. In the Citrus Blast she knocked in 3 runs while Andi Ermis hit .348 in her first 9 games of the season. Katie Pappa has helped the team by hitting .357 with 7 RBIs while Shannon Singleton led the way early on hitting .667 in five games.



New team hoping to join the Great Lakes League in 2004—The Chicago Gems! Good Luck to them.