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Spring has arrived and with it all kinds of baseball playing for our pleasure. There are some new women's teams playing this year, joining many returning from last year. We also have a new book out on women's baseball by committee member Jean Ardell. I encourage you all to purchase and read *Breaking into Baseball*. Anyone willing to do a review for the next newsletter?

Fayetteville, North Carolina is starting a new women's league. Anyone have any news on how it's going?

Anna Kimbrell is playing baseball on her high school team in South Carolina—might be the first one—anyone know of others?

Memorial Day weekend will see a number of tournaments taking place including the Annual Bay Area games. Victoria beat New South Wales 12-11 to win the Australian Nationals.

Lori Bryant and Kelly Jewell were selected as 2004 National MVP's by the National Women's Baseball Hall of Fame in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Katie Brownell pitched a perfect little league game and struck out every batter she faced.

These are just a few of the highlights happening this year on the women's scene.

And then to top it all off I encourage you to attend the Annual SABR Convention in August in Toronto. Come and plan on attending our women's meeting while you there. Check out the SABR website for all the details and registration. 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.

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**Encyclopedia Update:** McFarland has begun publicizing the book and it should be out this fall. Lots of photos and articles plus an extensive bibliography are included. We hope it will generate lots of new research as we see all the things we know and all that is still missing. This is a starting point to continue to add to so please keep sending articles.

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Anyone know anything at all about this picture—please send any ideas, thoughts to me and I will pass them on.

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**Recent books, articles, websites and other projects. Thanks to the following people for sending material.**

Dick Clark, Jim Glennie, Larry Lester, Joe Naiman, Claudia Perry, Wayne Stivers,

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

\*\* “Girls’ Best Friend: Prep Diamond”

\*\* “33 Years after They Took Away Her Uniform”

\*\* “Connie Morgan at Shortstop for Clowns”

\*\* “Indianapolis Clowns List Two Women on Ball Roster”

\*\* “The Lady’s a Catcher”

\*\* Obits for Joanne Winter and Dottie Schroeder

\*\* “Girls Baseball Made History Decades Ago”

\*\* “Shy Smile. Mean Fastball”

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November 21, 2004 a Goodwill game between Japan and Korea in Seoul. Any one know the results? The game was played at Chamshil Stadium.

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**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.

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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. What about taking pictures at a game and saving them.

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Katie “Jag” Jagielski: 2b/ss

Detroit Danger

In 2004 Katie led the Danger with 27 runs, 5 doubles, 2 triples and stole 13 bases without being caught. She hit .360 to help the club. She was a solid defender with good range.

{Info from Detroit Danger Website}



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Great Lakes Women’s Baseball begins its 10<sup>th</sup> season this year. Six teams are entered in the league and they will operate with two divisions. Play is open to all those 14 and older.



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I recently came across a video tape of the season opener for the San Jose Spitfires one year. Anyone aware of any other game videos like this that are available and should be acquired for preserving history?

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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.

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This year's California League has four teams playing and they are being led so far, after eight games, by Lisa Cancilla of the Spitfires hitting .563 and Gloria Fuentes-Swift hitting .500 for the Oaks.

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**Megan Smith**, 14 years old, plays second base for the Red Banks Middle School in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She is the first girl to make the team at Red Banks and may be the first girl to play on a boys school team there.

She is also a member of the Chattanooga Thunder - a select travel softball team on which she holds down second base and outfield positions.



Info and picture from American Women's Baseball Site—check it out for lots more baseball details.

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New sports magazine being published in Dearborn, Michigan exclusively related to women's sports—*Ponytail Sports*. Anyone seen any of the issues—please pass them along.



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**Thanks,  
Leslie and Claudia**



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