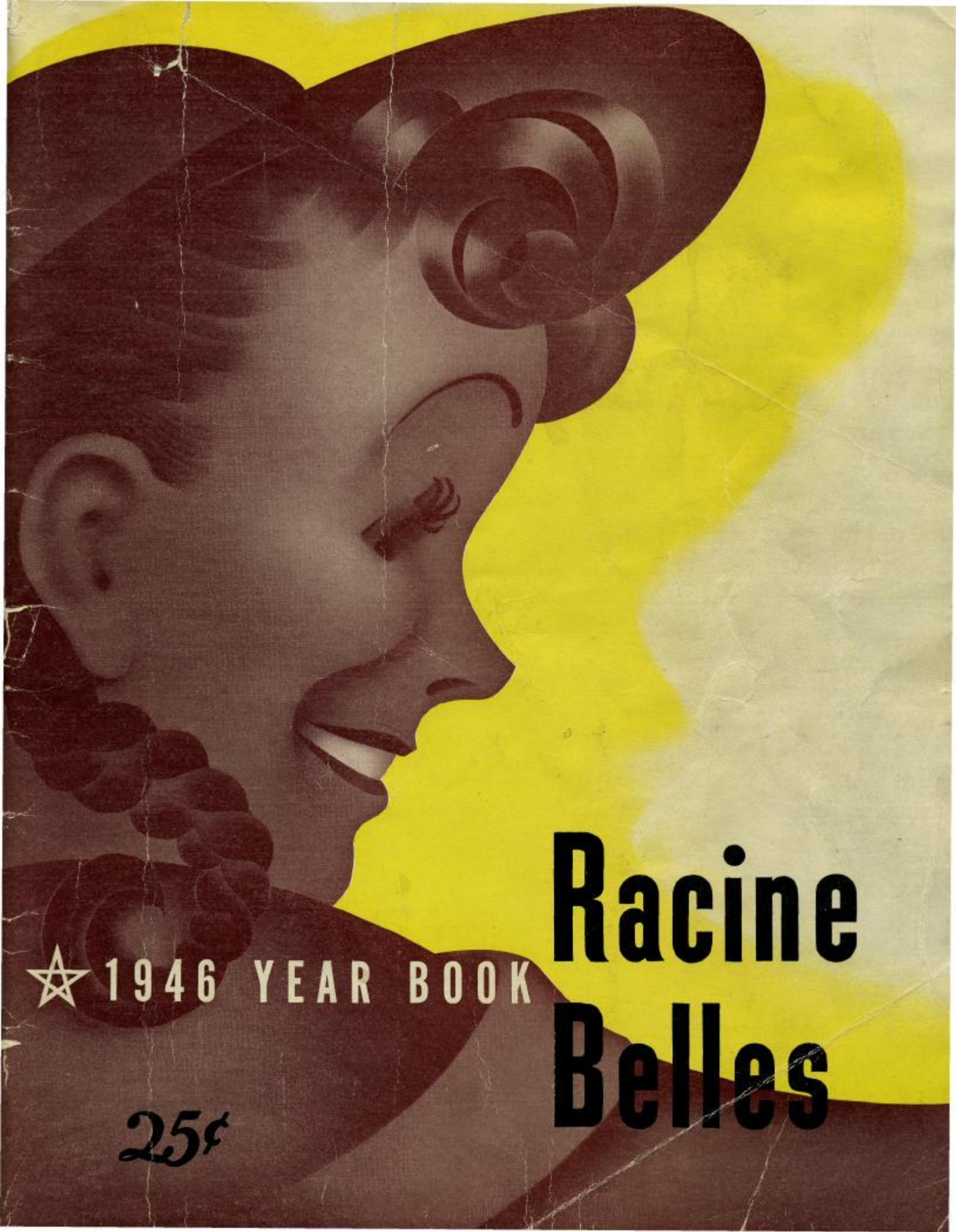

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Opening Day Attendance Trophy won by Racine Belles in 1945

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 1945

The 1945 season saw the entrance of teams representing two new cities in the All-American Girls Baseball League, but it remained a six-team league, inasmuch as Grand Rapids and Fort Wayne replaced Milwaukee and Minneapolis. Much of the same personnel from these 1944 teams remained together and were transferred to the two new cities. Now, in 1946, two additional teams will participate to make an ideal eight-team organization. The two new cities are Peoria, Illinois and Muskegon, Michigan, two excellent sports towns of the size and population which experience has indicated as practical for success on the basis of community ownership, support and interest.

Racine started the 1945 season with a new manager, a new chaperone and much the same roster as that which had experienced tough sledding in 1944. Several new recruits came to Racine as a result of spring training and the allocation of new players but the local club failed to come up with a top-flight pitcher or a reliable shortstop, which had been their crying need since their championship year in 1943.

During the season, every effort was made to plug these important gaps and a number of aspiring young players were given opportunities to prove their worth, particularly in the pitcher's box and in the short field position, without a great deal of success until possibly late in the season when the Belles obtained the services of a promising young infielder in the person of Janet Jacobs.

Because of the shortage of experienced performers on the local team early in the season, the management was obliged to call upon its erstwhile bellwether pitcher, Mary Crews, to play in the outfield and thus gain advantage of her recognized hitting ability.

Fate, however struck a cruel blow to the Belles' chances before the season was barely under way. In the second game of the season, versus Rockford at Horlick Field, they lost the services of Mary Crews for a period of weeks and probably lost the real value of her best pitching form for the balance of the season. Playing center field on that evening, Mary made





a diving try for a smash off the bat of Millie Deegan, tearing a ligament in her left shoulder and putting her pitching arm out of action.

This turn of events placed a tremendous burden on the rest of the pitching staff for a period of weeks and inasmuch as Jo Winter and Jane Jacobs were the only other seasoned pitchers on the roster, the task of working every other day in alternate games was too much to ask. With typical team spirit and lots of heart, the ever-willing Jo worked eight games in one stretch of fifteen days early in June and six games in a stretch of nine days, which is a pace of better than one game in every two days. At other stages of the race, Jo played in the outfield and at third base to replace ailing players and even served as temporary team chaperone during a short vacancy. Her season cannot therefore be judged on the statistics alone.

The Belles finally got some relief when they obtained pitcher Doris Barr on waivers from the South Bend Blue Sox and the southpaw buoyed local hopes by winning her opening effort at Horlick Field on June 9. Meanwhile, Lou Stone, rookie shortstop who had opened the season at that position, severely sprained her ankle in sliding practice after appearing in only two games and was of little service to the team thereafter. Betty Emry, another newcomer, had been slated for infield and outfield utility. She also suffered early leg injuries which plagued her almost throughout the season, although she did her best to fill the role of shortstop and her solid hitting was helpful on occasion.

These unfortunate breaks, coupled with the coldest and rainiest stretch of spring weather in many years, which retarded recovery of normal ailments and prevented the development of top playing form, conspired to get the Belles off to a bad start in the race, from which they were never able to fully recover. The Belles played a few of their early season games in temperatures of 35 degrees and lower. By June 15, the local lassies were running a poor last in the league on their record of six wins against thirteen losses and were six full games off the pace.

On June 17, Mary Crews returned to active duty on the mound and proceeded to win her first two starts with 3-hit performances against the Kenosha Comets. As a matter of fact, it was largely at the expense of the Comets that the Belles were able to emerge from the cellar and start making their bid for a place in the play-offs.



Another stroke of fate followed this splurge, however, when Sophie Kurys, stellar second sacker and spark of the infield, was forced out because of a painful knee injury, after having played in 248 games without a break over three seasons, which should be a league record for durability. Young Janet Jacobs, sixteen-year-old find, who had just come to the Belles to fill the long-felt need at shortstop, was rushed into service as a replacement for Sophie at second. The jinx soon hit Janet herself when she joined the casualty list with skin poisoning of her hands. Then, Maddy English, scrappy little third sacker, suffered a broken finger which kept her out of a stretch of games.



One of the high spots of the season to date came Sunday July 1, when Dodie Barr fulfilled her promise with a no-hit performance in the second game of a twin bill against the Daisies at Fort Wayne. It was the first no-hitter ever achieved by a Racine pitcher in three seasons of All-American play.

With the cellar yawning after a double defeat by Kenosha on July 10, the Belles turned over a new leaf with the appointment of Leo Murphy, veteran local baseball man as manager. This was followed within a week by the arrival of Mildred (Willie) Wilson as the club chaperone and under the new field administration the team began to click, winning six out of nine on their first road trip after the change, including a doubleheader from Grand Rapids and three in a row at Rockford against the hottest teams in the league. One of their losses went 16 innings before they would yield to Connie Wisniewski, the league's leading pitcher and a special Racine nemesis.

After having won only 17 while losing 30 up to the middle of July, the Belles under the guidance of Murphy proceeded to cop 15 wins against 10 losses in their next 25 games to enter a ding-dong battle with South Bend for fourth place and a crack at the Shaughnessy play-offs. The thrilling battle see-sawed all through the month of August, with the Belles overtaking the Sox on several occasions only to drop behind again.

Yeoman service was rendered throughout this period by Mary Crews, who won 16 games following her recovery from her early season injury. Mary had three 2-hit games and four 3-hitters in her string. Dodie Barr turned in valuable pitching efforts, winning 20 games for the Belles and pitching the masterful 7-0 shut-out over the Fort Wayne Daisies which provided the fourth place margin of one-half game over South Bend on the second to last day of the season. Thus, Dodie gained some measure of revenge against the team which sent her "down the river" in June by nudging them out of a place in the play-offs. The two Racine southpaws, Barr and Crews, won 36 of the Belles' 50 victories between them.

Under the play-off system, Racine was paired with the second-place club, the Fort Wayne Daisies, in a series requiring the best-three-out-of-five games for a decision. Meanwhile, first-place Rockford tackled third-place Grand Rapids in a similar five game series. The two winners were to play for the world championship in the best five-out-of-seven Championship Series.

The Belles entered the play-offs at Fort Wayne without the services of their regular right fielder and hardest-hitting batter when Eleanor Dapkus was benched with a knee injury. Ellie had been off to a smashing start in the batting race in 1945 and it was largely her sensational early season hitting that kept the Belles from falling out of the league standings in May and June.

Dorothy Wiltse held the Racine batters to two hits and Fort Wayne beat Dodie Barr for a 6-1 score in the getaway game of the series. In the second game, Annabelle Lee also handcuffed the Belles with four hits and her mates tumbled Mary Crews by 8-2. The third game, played as the two teams switched their efforts to Horlick Field, was the real thriller of the series and proved also to be Racine's only victory. The Belles came from behind to tie the score in the ninth inning and won 5-4 behind Dodie Barr in the eleventh. The fourth and final game was a breeze for Wiltse of the Daisies, when her teammates pounded out a 10-3 win against the pitching of Mary Crews and Jo Winter.

Thus, the Belles bowed out of the play-offs in the Championship Series, which was finally won by Rock-

ford Peaches in a great seven-game series, but not before the local girls had vindicated themselves and won a great moral victory by coming from behind in the face of adversity and a series of misfortunes and bad breaks which few teams have ever been asked to face and which even fewer teams would have shown the spirit and determination to overcome. Under the guidance of manager Murphy, they had staged a gallant and courageous come-back from what appeared to be a hopeless position and they had given their Racine fans a fighting brand of ball, win or lose.

Throughout all this adversity, in good times or bad and in fair weather or foul, the loyal Racine fans stuck by their team and again won for the Belle City a reputation throughout the circuit as one of the leading sports centers in the midwest. Among the top honors captured by Racine in the 1945 season was the league's Attendance Trophy, presented to the club with the largest opening night attendance of the season. Racine won the cup in its first year of competition by virtue of its 4,019 attendance figure at the opening game against Rockford on May 23. The trophy was publicly presented by league president Max Carey to club president Bill Wadewitz at Horlick Field on the evening of June 6. It gave Racine another important "first" in the three-year history of the All-American Girls Baseball League.

Spectator interest and solid support continued throughout the season with numerous crowds topping the 2,000 attendance mark, two crowds well over the 3,000 marker and finally, the record Racine gathering of all-time on Friday, August 17, when 4,077 fans jam-packed Horlick Field to cheer the Belles in their fight for fourth place. During this torrid spell, an eight-game stretch from August 10 to 17 attracted a total of 16,484 fans to the local park. Thus, do Racine fans merit the same high praise as that accorded their fighting team for consistent loyalty and community spirit which has brought national recognition to the Belle City.

RACINE IN THE RECORD BOOK

In the all-time record book of the All-American League, the Racine Belles show up with some favorable marks and some that are not so flattering.

As a team, the Belles hold these all-time records: Highest team batting .246, most runs scored season 611, most hits season 865, most runs batted in season 434, most home runs season 24 and most errors season 428. All these marks were established in 1943 when the Belles won the first league championship. In 1944, the locals set the league record for receiving bases on balls with 447.

The Belles share a record for having scored the most runs in one game with 19 against South Bend on June 22, 1943. A few days before, South Bend had scored exactly the same number off Racine. Another record they share is that of 3 home runs in one game. All by themselves, they hold the record for triples in one game with 4 and the most stolen bases in one game with 24.

Among Racine individuals in the record books, Eleanor Dapkus holds the all-time season mark for home runs with 10, established in 1943. Sophie Kurys has the all-time record for stolen bases in one season with 166. Dorothy Wind, Racine shortstop in 1943, set a league record for hits in a single game with 6. Clara Schillace and Marnie Danhauser share a record for most sacrifice hits in a game with 3. Mary Crews shares a record with Helen Nicol Fox for most games pitched in a season with 47 in 1943.

Other favorable records for Racine players included most games played at second base in one season, held by Sophie Kurys at 116 in 1944, most assists by a shortstop in one season held by Dorothy Wind with 356 in 1943 and most double plays by a catcher in one season held by Irene Hickson with 14 in 1945.

On the debit side of the ledger, Racine has three players who have registered the greatest number of errors in one season at their respective positions. They are Marnie Danhauser at first base in 1944 with 38, Dorothy Wind at shortstop in 1943 with 79 and Maddy English at third base in 1943 with 78. Irene Hickson holds a record of most passed balls by a catcher in one season with 23 in 1944.

Among the pitchers, a Racine gal gave the most runs off a pitcher in a single game at 19 and the most bases on balls off a pitcher in one game at 23. Both marks were established by a lass named Martha Walker in the same game in 1943. The record for most games lost in one season was set by Joanne Winter with 23 in 1944. And the record for most wild pitches in one season was established by Doris Barr of Racine in 1945 with 38.





1 **1945 ROCKFORD PEACHES** • Front row (left to right): Rose Gacioch, Dorothy Ferguson, Helen Filarski, Olive Little, Josephine Lenard. Middle row (left to right): Dorothy Kamenshek, Kay Rohrer, Dorothy Harrell, Dorothy Green, Betty Carveth, Irene Applegren, Irene Kotowicz. Back row (left to right): Carolyn Morris, Margaret Wigiser, Chaperone Marie Timme, Manager Bill Allington, Mildred Deegan, Alva Jo Fischer, Jean Cione.

2 **1945 FORT WAYNE DAISIES** • Front row (left to right): Annabelle Lee, Lavonne Paire, Ruth Lessing, Betty Trezza, Margaret Callaghan. Middle row (left to right): Arleen Johnson, Irene Ruhnke, Penny O'Brian, Helen Callaghan, Yolane Tiellet. Back row (left to right): Chaperone Helen Rauner, Agnes Zurowski, Lillian Jackson, Vivian Kellogg, Audrey Haine, Faye Dancer, Manager Bill Wambsganss.





1945 GRAND RAPIDS CHICKS • Front row (left to right): Viola Thompson, Sylvia Wronski, Thelma Eisen, Ernestine Petras, Philomena Francisco, Elizabeth Wicken, Alma Ziegler, Dorothy Maguire. Back row (left to right): Marge Wenzell, Doris Tetzlaff, Betty Whiting, Josephine Kabick, Manager Benny Meyer, Chaperone Dorothy Hunter, Connie Wisniewski, Katherine Blumetta, Twila Shively, Joyce Hill.

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1945 RACINE BELLES • Front row (left to right): Edythe Perlick, Janet Jacobs, Madeline English. Second row (left to right): Betty Emry, Doris Barr, Anna May Hutchison, Jane Jacobs, Irene Hickson, Sophie Kurys. Back row (left to right): Chaperone Mildred Wilson, Marnie Danhauser, Eleanor Dapkus, Mary Crews, Joanne Winter, Clara Schillace, Manager Leo Murphy.

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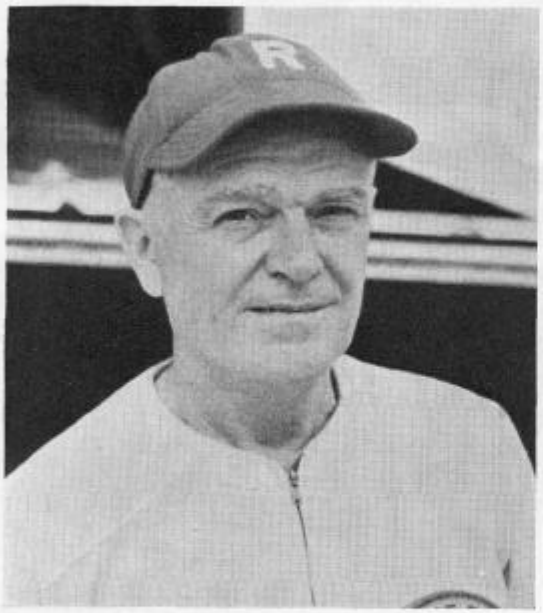




5 **1945 SOUTH BEND BLUE SOX** • Front row (left to right): Mary Baker, Lee Surkowski, Ann Surkowski, Marge Stefani. Middle row (left to right): Kay Sopkovic, Dolores Klosowski, Darlene Michelsen, Nelda Bird, Betty Luna, Lois Florreich. Back row (left to right): Dorothea Downs, Gertrude Ganote, Manager Marty McManus, Chaperone Lucille Moore, Betsy Jochum, Dorothy Schroeder, Charlotte Armstrong.

6 **1945 KENOSHA COMETS** • Front row (left to right): Janice O'Hara, Mary Rini, Betty Fabac, Shirley Jameson, Mary Pratt, Lucille Colacito, Phyllis Koehn. Back row (left to right): Kay Shinen, Dorothy Shinen, Johanna Hageman, Manager Eddie Stumpf, Elise Harney, Ann Harnett, Helen Nicol Fox.





LEO, THE "MURPH"...!

"FOR WHOM THE BELLES TOIL"

LEO MURPHY, former major and minor league baseball player, who was named manager of the Racine Belles in mid-season of 1945, brings to the Belles another important "first" in the distinction of being the only home-bred product to pilot a team in the All-American League prior to the 1946 season.

The genial and capable Leo comes well recommended and qualified for the important post, by virtue of his long personal association with the game as a player in his early days, his understanding and appreciation of baseball form and strategy and his close observation and study of the teams, the players and performances in the All-American Girls Baseball League since its inception in 1943. Murphy seldom missed a league game as a close observer and before his appointment as manager he had been a member of the Horlick Field Commission, governing body of the ball park, as well as being a member of the special Board of Strategy of the Racine club.

The tall, gray-haired Irishman is a native of Chicago and spent 25 years in organized baseball as a catcher. He broke in with Champaign-Urbana in the Illinois-Missouri League in 1911. He played in the minors with Milwaukee and Columbus of the American Association and he served in the majors with the Cincinnati Reds and the Pittsburgh Pirates of the National League.

It was baseball that brought Murph to Racine, when he played in the famous Midwest "outlaw" league in the early twenties and he wound up his career as manager of another

team which bore the name of the Racine Belles in 1933.

During his own playing career, Leo the Murph played in the Illinois-Missouri loop, American Association, Texas League, Piedmont League, the Midwest League and the National League with many teams. He caught the offerings of a number of great pitchers of the day, including Lefty Sullivan, considered the best "spit-baller" of his era and Hippo Vaughn, one of the biggest major league hurlers of all time.

When Leo took over the helm at Horlick Field on July 10, 1945, the Belles were sagging in last place in the All-American, travelling at a sorry .354 pace on the basis of only 17 wins against 31 losses. During the balance of the season, under the guidance of the local pilot, the Belles won 33 and lost 29, at a pace of .532, a vast improvement over the early season effort.

Leo's keen eye for talent and ability and his patience and understanding of the players under his tutelage should do much to develop the latent talent on the club. With the new manager back on the coaching lines in 1946 and the mainstays of former teams back to form the nucleus of a solid club, Racine fans can look forward to an intelligent, heads-up type of play that should prove a continuing source of home-town pride.

THE ZERO HOUR—Manager Leo Murphy briefs the Belles on their "target for tonight," as they prepare to go over the top and into action. Left to right: Eleanor Dapkus, Marnie Danhauser, Clara Schillace, Doris Barr, Edythe Perlick, Anna May Hutchison, Janet Jacobs, Sophie Kurys, Jane Jacobs, Betty Emry, Irene Hickson, Maddy English and Joanne Winter.





TEAM CHAPERONE

MILDRED FRANCES WILSON, better known as "Willie" or "Putty" to her new found friends and associates on the Racine Belles roster, came to Racine in the middle of the 1945 season in the capacity of coach-chaperone and immediately won a warm spot in the hearts of players, management and fans alike. Willie is a native of Brooklyn and a graduate in Physical Education at Long Island University. She is a sports star in her own right, having managed and played catcher for the New York Celtics, Metropolitan champions. She is also a standout basketball star and has been performing as a member of a New York team which had run up a string of 32 consecutive wins during the past winter.

BUSINESS MANAGER

EDNA CHRISTENSEN is a well known local business woman and manager, having established a splendid record as secretary and business manager for a number of civic organizations and projects over a period of years. Edna is a former manager of Memorial Hall in Racine, the secretary of the Horlick Field Commission and has been Secretary of the local Fourth of July Goodwill Committee since its inception. She was appointed as business manager of the Racine Belles during the latter part of the 1944 season and has served in that capacity since that time. Edna is an expert in the matter of ticket sales, business management of the park and field, publicity and organizational operations.





FIELD ANNOUNCER

HENRY LARSEN, "the voice of the grandstand," is a well known figure in Racine business, sports and fraternal circles and he has been the "man at the mike" at Horlick Field throughout the seasons of 1944-45. Hank was active in early day sports in Racine following World War I, in which he served in the armed forces. He has been one of the most active members of American Legion Post 76 and as one of its Past Commanders has won both Post and personal achievement awards for his outstanding accomplishments. He is also an extremely active member of the Racine Lodge of the Elks and for some years has been Circulation Manager of the Journal-Times.

BARR, DORIS



Bats: L • Throws: L • Height: 5 ft. 6 in. • Weight: 145 lbs.
Born: 8-26-21, Starbuck, Manitoba, Canada • Residence: Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dodie is an experienced pitcher of three-year standing in the All-American Girls Baseball League. She rated as a top athlete in her native Canada and played for two seasons with the South Bend Blue Sox, before the Belles obtained her on waivers early in 1945. Dodie proved a boon to the Belles and topped the local pitching staff with 20 wins. On July 1, she pitched the only no-hit game ever thrown by a Racine pitcher in turning back the Fort Wayne Daisies. Dodie pitched several other classics during the season and won the game that put the Belles into the 1945 play-offs, as well as the only game which the Belles won in the play-off series against Fort Wayne. She was sixth in the league for strike-outs in 1945 with 104. Dodie is a better-than-average hitter, having won a number of her own games with timely hitting and being used as a pinch hitter on frequent occasions. Her pitching record:

Year	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	ERA
1943	32	15	13	.536	254⅓	1035	199	123	82	31	151	63	4	34	2.90
1944	29	8	11	.421	148	491	72	61	49	11	141	62	2	18	2.98
1945	31	20	8	.714	252	834	144	66	48	23	168	104	3	38	1.71
Total	92	43	32	.573	654⅓	2360	415	250	179	65	460	229	9	90	2.53

DANHAUSER, MARGARET LOUISE



Bats: R • Throws: R • Height: 5 ft. 7 in. • Weight: 140 lbs.
Born: 6-9-21, Racine, Wisconsin • Residence: Racine, Wisconsin.

Marnie is the only home-town girl to make good with her local team in the All-American Girls Baseball League and she has been a fixture on the Belles since the team started its operations. She has long been recognized as an outstanding fielder and clearly won that designation in 1945 by topping all the first basemen of the league in fielding. In one 1945 game against Rockford, Marnie sparkled with 17 chances handled in faultless style. In another contest, she had the unusual distinction of handling only one chance at first base during an entire game. Marnie is an excellent athlete, playing a fine game of golf and sporting a high bowling average. Her inability to hit the league pitching with any regularity is all that kept the popular Marnie from being one of the stand-out stars. Her three-year record follows:

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943	61	162	18	27	31	2	1	0	6	6	8	1	21	11	.167
1944	109	329	34	49	49	0	0	0	13	27	35	7	34	16	.149
1945	110	335	25	31	105	0	0	0	21	12	20	3	10	20	.093
Total	280	826	77	107	185	2	1	0	40	45	63	11	65	47	.130

DAPKUS, ELEANOR VIRGINIA



Bats: R • Throws: R • Height: 5 ft. 7 in. • Weight: 160 lbs.
Born: 12-5-23, Chicago, Illinois • Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Eleanor has been the heavy slugger of the Racine Belles for three years and is one of the league's most feared batters. The long distance swat is always potent in her bat and when it explodes, it is often good for extra bases. Eleanor established the league record for home runs in one season, when she exploded 10 four-ply blows in 1943. In 1944, her production dropped to five and last year she failed to come up with a round-tripper. Opposing outfielders play her deep. Eleanor had a sensational start in the batting race in 1945 and it was her consistent stick work that kept the Belles within hailing distance during the early weeks of the season. She batted .482 in the first 16 games and in one week rapped out 12 hits in 23 times at bat for a mark of .522. A knee injury kept her out of the 1945 play-off games.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943	89	309	65	68	113	6	5	10	5	25	30	3	42	36	.220
1944	103	362	48	99	132	10	4	5	2	46	34	1	56	17	.273
1945	100	345	26	79	225	9	2	0	7	21	46	3	37	21	.229
Total	292	1016	139	246	470	25	11	15	14	91	110	7	135	74	.242



EMRY, BETTY

Bats: R • Throws: R • Height: 5 ft. 4½ in. • Weight: 130 lbs.
Born: 1-20-23, Manistique, Mich. • Residence: Racine, Wisconsin.

This Michigan lass is playing her second year in the All American Girls Baseball League with the Racine Belles. Betty started in 1945 as a utility infielder-outfielder but the state of the Belles' fortunes last season gave her an opportunity to blossom into a regular player. She participated in 96 games, most of them at shortstop, and her work was hampered to a great extent by a persistent knee injury. Prior to joining the All American, she had played ball in Detroit as a member of the Kellers team which participated in the 1940 World Softball Tournament. Betty took a good look at Racine last summer and decided she liked it well enough to call it her home. She wintered and worked in the Belle City, participating in organized bowling and basketball and the spring of 1946 found her in sound physical condition and ready to capitalize on her experience and ability.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1945.....	96	280	13	40	117	1	0	0	14	5	26	2	19	28	.143



ENGLISH, MADELINE KATHLEEN

Bats: R • Throws: R • Height: 5 ft. 4 in. • Weight: 130 lbs.
Born: 2-22-25, Everett, Mass. • Residence: Everett, Mass.

Maddy is another player who has played with the Belles since they started in 1943 and she is one of the most spirited gals in the All-American Girls Baseball League. A great team player, she is always trying and her courage and tenacity in making plays is something to behold. Maddy is noted throughout the league for her bullet-like throwing arm. Against Kenosha last year, she had several busy nights and in one game handled 15 chances, being credited with a total of 12 assists. Maddy is a great all-around athlete and has been furthering her training in physical education at the Passi School of Physical Education in New England. Maddy enjoyed her best batting year in 1943, when the Belles won the first league championship but she has been gaining power and experience with the stick. Here is her three-year record with Racine:

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943	101	359	69	79	87	0	4	0	9	75	33	1	23	21	.220
1944	112	371	50	45	53	2	3	0	6	65	61	4	21	37	.121
1945	99	349	33	54	142	1	1	0	17	24	43	3	16	41	.155
Total	312	1079	152	178	282	3	8	0	32	164	137	8	60	99	.165



HICKSON, MAE IRENE

Bats: R • Throws: R • Height: 5 ft. 2 in. • Weight: 116 lbs.
Born: 8-14-18, Chattanooga, Tenn. • Residence, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mainstay of the Belles catching staff since formation in 1943, Irene is known throughout the league for her hustle and heads-up play back of the plate. She is an all-around athlete, having won many laurels in her own community for a variety of sports. She played on championship ball teams in Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina. Plagued with a series of mishaps and injuries largely due to her vigorous play, she managed to stay in the game regularly during the 1945 season and rendered yeoman service behind the plate. Her best year at bat was in 1943 when she rapped the ball for a handsome average of .280 and helped the Belles to the league championship. Because of her experience and flaming team spirit, Irene is expected to play a big part in the Belles' efforts in 1946. Her three-year record follows:

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943	68	193	62	54	68	4	4	1	11	68	34	4	24	16	.280
1944	85	325	52	47	48	1	0	0	10	76	35	7	9	15	.145
1945	97	318	36	55	159	5	1	0	5	39	43	4	21	33	.173
Total	250	836	150	156	275	10	5	1	26	183	112	15	54	64	.187

HUTCHISON, ANNA MAY



Bats: R • Throws: R • Height: 5 ft. 7 in. • Weight: 149 lbs.
Born: 5-1-25, Louisville, Kentucky • Residence: Louisville, Kentucky.

This is the third straight year in which "Hutch" has appeared on the Racine roster and although her actual participation has been limited, she has provided good insurance as second string catcher for the Belles. She appeared in 52 games in 1944 but last year her activities were cut to 24 games. In 1946, she will be doing a reversal in her attempt to strengthen the pitching staff of the club by taking her turn on the mound. Pitching is not entirely foreign to the rugged "Hutch," inasmuch as she did some mound work for her former State Championship team in Kentucky and she has been doing some serious practising during the off-season and in spring training. Racine fans will be pulling for her rapid development as a regular hurler where she has an opportunity to fill a long-felt want. Her all-around ability should stand the team in good stead during 1946.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1944.....	52	115	7	22	24	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	9	11	.191
1945.....	24	55	2	7	18	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	4	.127

KURYS, SOPHIE MARY



Bats: R • Throws: R • Height: 5 ft. 5 in. • Weight: 120 lbs.
Born: 5-14-25, Flint, Michigan • Residence: Flint, Michigan.

Sophie is without question one of the top performers of the league in all departments of play, a scrappy team player, a great competitor, a great infielder, a good hitter and a stand-out base runner of the league. She holds the all-time league record for stolen bases in one season with the phenomenal figure of 166 recorded in 1944. Slowed down somewhat by injuries last year, she nevertheless maintained her league supremacy in this department with 115 thefts. She was the Belles' leading hitter in 1945 ranking fifth in the league in this department and she led the second sackers of the league in fielding. Sophie has played with Racine since the league was inaugurated, coming from her native Flint, where she had shone as an outstanding schoolgirl athlete. She was one of the fastest developing players in the league and rates all-star laurels on her three-year record:

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943	106	383	60	104	135	8	7	3	15	44	28	2	59	21	.271
1944	116	394	87	96	112	7	3	1	9	166	69	7	60	32	.244
1945	105	347	73	83	260	6	2	1	19	115	69	5	15	27	.239
Total	327	1124	220	283	507	21	12	5	43	325	166	14	134	80	.252

PAIRE, LAVONNE AGNES



Bats: R • Throws: R • Height: 5 ft. 4½ in. • Weight: 140 lbs.
Born: 5-29-24, Los Angeles, Calif. • Residence: W. Los Angeles, Calif.

A real addition to the local roster is the capable and comely Irish miss from Los Angeles, who started in the league with Minneapolis in 1944 and quickly developed into one of its best shortstops. In 1945, with the Fort Wayne Daisies, she rated second among the league's shortstops in both fielding and hitting. She was also the hardest hitter in the entire league to fool at the plate, having struck out only six times in 392 times at bat in 1945. In 1944, she also proved herself a fine catcher, appearing in 20 games behind the plate. "Pepper," who comes by her nickname honestly, has played ball for eleven years and was a member of the famous California championship Hollywood All-Stars who toured Mexico and the United States in 1939-40-41. She should fit perfectly into the Racine infield picture and fill that long-felt want for a top-flight shortstop.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1944.....	60	220	28	53	65	8	2	0	4	5	20	4	20	8	.241
1945.....	111	392	29	77	210	6	0	0	14	7	37	4	39	6	.196



PERLICK, EDYTHE L.

Bats: R • Throws: R • Height: 5 ft. 3 ¼ in. • Weight: 138 lbs.
Born: 12-12-22, Chicago, Illinois • Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Edie is recognized as one of the best ball-hawks in the league and has been one of the most reliable players on the Racine roster through three seasons of play. Edie is always bringing the fans to their feet with thrilling catches of hard line drives to left and left center field. Prior to joining the All-American, she had made her mark in Chicago league circles and played with championship teams in that city. She has been attending the De Kalb Northern State Teachers' College, where Clara Schillace is now on the faculty, and she is majoring in Physical Education. In addition to some spectacular nights in the field last season, Edie shone with the bat on more than one occasion and she specialized in the three-base hit with seven triples in 1945. She was fourth in the league in 1945 for Total Advanced Bases with 265. Her batting record for three seasons of play is as follows:

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943	84	310	56	83	104	10	4	1	11	55	22	0	42	10	.268
1944	116	423	51	97	114	7	2	2	8	52	30	6	63	9	.229
1945	107	389	47	83	265	4	7	2	14	44	25	5	41	14	.213
Total	307	1122	154	263	483	21	13	5	33	151	77	11	146	33	.234



RUSSELL, BETTY JOSEPHINE

Bats: R • Throws: R • Height: 5 ft. 6 ½ in. • Weight: 145 lbs.
Born: 10-1-24, Globe, Arizona • Residence: Tonto Basin, Ariz.

This rootin' tootin' gal from Arizona makes her first appearance in the All American Girls Baseball League in 1946 and will furnish useful support for the Belles' outfield. Betty played with the Arizona Ramblers, Arizona State and World Champions in 1940. She became interested in the All American through Joanne Winter and was signed by League President Max Carey. She also plays basketball, tennis and volleyball but her favorite hobby is horses and rodeos. She rides on the round-ups whenever possible and has helped on a cattle ranch during the off-season. She plays the guitar and harmonica but denies that she carries a six-shooter when stealing a base. Here's a gal from the wide open spaces and Racine fans will be rooting for her when she roams the outer pastures in Horlick Field.



SCHILLACE, CLARA JOAN

Bats: R • Throws: L • Height: 5 ft. 3 in. • Weight: 128 lbs.
Born: 3-29-22, Melrose Park, Ill. • Residence: Melrose Park, Ill.

Clara has played with the Belles since the formation of the All-American Girls Baseball League and is a perennial favorite with the fans. She has a natural affinity for children and is solid with the younger set. A product of Chicago sports circles, Clara formerly played with Illinois State and Chicago City championship teams. She has taught school at St. Charles, Illinois; enlarged upon her physical education training at New York University and is now a member of the staff of the DeKalb Teachers' College at DeKalb, Illinois. Her big moment in 1945 was a home run with the bases filled at Horlick Park for the Belles only win of the season over Dotty Wiltse of the Fort Wayne Daisies. Clara's three-year record:

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943	102	350	65	88	104	7	3	1	27	40	50	0	38	18	.251
1944	112	374	65	78	87	3	3	0	16	58	68	2	30	21	.209
1945	105	357	31	66	226	3	4	1	15	34	61	5	26	27	.185
Total	319	1081	161	232	417	13	10	2	58	132	179	7	94	66	.215

STEPHENS, RUBY LEE



Bats: R • Throws: R • Height: 5 ft. 4 in. • Weight: 115 lbs.
Born: 10-2-24, Clearwater, Florida • Residence: Clearwater, Florida.

This Florida lass is one of the new pitching hopes of the Belles and she comes well recommended, having been scouted and signed to a contract by a league scout while playing with the 25th Century Men's Club. She played for the McClosky Shipyard team in the Florida State Tournament in 1944 and was a member of the State Championship Runnerup team in 1945. She made the All-State team in volleyball after her first year of competition in 1945. Ruby made her first All-American League start in 1946 against Carolyn Morris and the hard hitting Rockford Peaches. She displayed plenty of poise on the hill, excellent control and enough stuff to hold the champions to four hits, losing the game only through unfortunate misplays. The Florida girl showed enough to indicate that she will go well in the future and become a regular All-American League starter. She shows a good amount of speed, has a good delivery and is fast in fielding her position. Her development in the All-American will be watched with interest by local fans.

TREZZA, BETTY



Bats: R • Throws: R • Height: 5 ft. 2 in. • Weight: 125 lbs.
Born: 8-4-25, Brooklyn, N. Y. • Residence: Brooklyn, N. Y.

This gal from Brooklyn is a new addition to the roster of the Racine Belles but she is no stranger to fans of the All American Girls Baseball League. This is her third year of play in the league. In 1944, she played 63 games at shortstop for Minneapolis and topped the league in fielding at that position. In 1945, she appeared in 83 games at second base, playing for Fort Wayne and South Bend and her fielding average was second best in the league. Betty is a great defensive player and only her light stickwork has retarded her real stardom. She had formerly played with the Angels (Park Department Champions) and the Ridgewood and Celtic Long Island Champions in 1940-41-42-43 with Willie Wilson, chaperone of the Belles. Betty will provide great infield insurance for the Belles in her ability to play either second or shortstop with equal agility and skill.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1944.....	64	194	25	21	28	1	0	2	6	48	29	1	16	16	.108
1945.....	86	276	28	31	125	2	0	0	21	14	36	0	16	36	.112

WALMESLEY, THELMA VIOLET



Bats: R • Throws: R • Height: 5 ft. 5 in. • Weight: 122 lbs.
Born: 4-13-18, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada • Residence: Sudbury, Canada.

Still another star from the Dominion of Canada, Thelma joins the legion of Canadian players who have made an outstanding name for themselves in the history of the All American Girls Baseball League. Like many another Canadian lass, she is a great all-around athlete. She has played ball with Sudbury and Port Colborne teams and was with the Ontario Canadian Championship team in Toronto, 1938-41 and the Quebec Champions in Montreal, 1944-45. She has been a winner in the Open Canadian Bowling Championship conducted by the Canadian Bowling Association and holds the Canadian Intermediate Record for the Baseball Throw, established in 1935. Thelma was educated in the Public High School and Business College of Sudbury and has been occupied as a stenographer in the off-season. She has played a great deal of first base in Canada and can play either that position or behind the bat as a catcher for the Belles.



WINTER, JOANNE EMILY

Bats: R • Throws: R • Height: 5 ft. 7¾ in. • Weight: 138 lbs.
Born: 11-24-24, Maywood, Illinois • Residence: Phoenix, Arizona.

Tops in popularity with players and fans alike is the ever-willing Jo, who has been a member of the Belles' pitching staff since the formation of the league. Jo has had a tough time on the hill during the last two seasons but has lost a number of heart-breaking games. She pitched her heart out when the team was plagued with injuries early in 1945, working in eight games in one stretch of fifteen days. Jo played the outfield on occasions, filled in at third base for the injured Maddy English and even served as temporary chaperone of the club during a short vacancy last summer, thus earning for herself the reputation as a jill-of-all-trades on the local roster. In spite of her unfortunate won and lost record in 1945, her earned run record was the best in her three-year service in the league. Her pitching record follows:

Year	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	ERA
1943	29	11	11	.500	200	826	201	121	57	23	47	13	1	6	2.57
1944	40	15	23	.395	310	1185	276	172	102	27	133	52	13	11	2.96
1945	34	7	22	.241	256	975	209	125	72	37	77	35	11	2	2.53
Total	103	33	56	.371	766	2986	686	518	231	87	257	100	25	19	2.69

Who are the hardest batters for the pitchers to fool with the "dark one" when they try to slip the big third strike over the plate? The 1945 records say that Lavonne (Pepper) Paire of Fort Wayne was tops in getting at least "a piece" of the ball. In 111 games and 392 times at bat, the new Belles shortstop whiffed only six times. Marge Stefani of South Bend, one of the league's smartest at the platter, is also a hard gal to fool. In her 105 games and 337 at bats, the pitchers slipped the third one past her only 7 times. Two Rockford lassies displayed their good eyes by fanning only 8 times each, Dorothy Kamenshek in 419 times at bat and Snookie Harrell in 310 trips to the plate. Then came Kay Rohrer of the same team with nine SO's in 327 at bats. Among the Racine regulars, Edie Perlick rated lowest on strike-outs. She bowed 14 times in 389 visits.

Sophie Kurys is just about the last player in the league that pitchers like to see on the bases. And yet, they put her there themselves more than almost any other player in the league last year. Sophie drew 69 bases on balls during the 1945 season, attesting to her good eye on balls and strikes and also contributing toward her opportunity to run up her league leading base stealing record and her third place rating in runs scored. Doris Tetzlaff of Grand Rapids led the league with 82 bases on balls but scored only 43 runs as compared to Sophie's 73. Shirley Jameson, another great base-runner and a hard batter to fool, rated third in this column with 67 walks and Clara Schillace of the Belles gave evidence of her good judgment by ranking fourth in working the league's pitchers for 61 free tickets to first base.

The home run has been on the decline in the All-American Girls Baseball League. In 1943, the first year of competition, Eleanor Dapkus of the Belles set the league record with 10 round trippers. In 1944, Merle Keagle of Milwaukee was the leader with 7. And in 1945, top total was 3, shared by Helen Callaghan and Faye Dancer, both of Fort Wayne. Two Racine players, Edie Perlick and Janet Jacobs, hit two homers each in 1945. Loners were hit by Clara Schillace, Sophie Kurys and Jane Jacobs, giving Racine a total of only seven for the season, less than Dapkus hit alone in 1943.

The Total Advanced Bases column is a new departure and exclusive development of the All-American Girls Baseball League and first made its appearance in 1945. It records the number of bases that runners are advanced on the hits of each player and thus is a measure of the batter's worth as a hitter "in the pinch" or when runners are on base. In the first year of T.A.B. records, the league batting champion, who led the league in hits, also led the field in Total Advanced Bases. Helen Callaghan of Fort Wayne advanced her teammates for a total of 336 bases and she showed a tremendous margin over all other competitors. Marge Stefani of South Bend was second with 284 and Betsy Jochum of the same team was third with 281. Edie Perlick was Racine's leader in T.A.B. with 265, good for fourth place. Sophie Kurys took fifth place with 260.

While Racine shared last place with South Bend as a team in fielding averages last season, the Belles nevertheless captured their share of the individual fielding honors. Marnie Danhauser, playing in all of her team's games, topped the first sackers of the league in fielding with a percentage of .987. Sophie Kurys, participating in 105 games, led the second sackers in fielding with .968. Eleanor Dapkus, with a mark of .989, rated high in fielding among the outfielders, being second only to Jo Lenard of Rockford.

THE LOST WEEK END



BY DON BLACK

You can't scare me. I have been a guest on the Inner Sanctum, I have met Boris Karloff personal and I have even saw myself in the mirror a couple times. But the wierdest thing on whicht these watery old eyes have casted their pupils was a doubleheader twin bill whicht them Racine Belles got tangled up in with Grand Rapids Chicklets over to the Michigan city in last year about May. If'n was I just waiting around to die until I had saw everything, I couldst have after this aforesaid mentioned donnybrook put on my asbestos suit, called the mortician and went off to my final roasting place without a murmur of discontempt.

First place off, the Belles hadst languished for more than three days in the G.R. hotel complete with hot and cold running chambermaids, whilst I and Larry, whicht had come especial to witness at this here serious of games, was billeted as was befitting our dignity in a spacious linen closet with adjoining towel. Meanwhile, Jupe Pluvius was making outside like they was a contest to see whicht is the world's biggest drip and it was even running me a close second. It actual looked like a ghost-to-ghost downpour on account of the rain was literal coming down in sheets. Some of the stayed citizens of Grand Rapids was so alarmed, I even seen one guy frantical building a Ark.

After three days of this here, the Belles was getting pale and drawn and I was afeared they was some of them going to end up like the Liberty Belle, whicht it is slightly cracked. The color had all went from their oncet rosy little cheeks and they was jist a little pail green from standing under the neon sign at the entrance of the hotel dining room. Every oncet in a while did Hutch's face light up and say: "Eat-Eat-Eat," three times. It wasn't not that whicht bothered me so much as the arrow at the end of it whicht it always pointed right at me. By Sunday, the gals was in desprit shape and Larry was running out every hour a la Norshore for another tank of oxygen.

Meanwhile, Benny (the Horse) Meyer, that there managerial genius of the Grands Rapid Clucks, he was anxious they shouldst play some ball on account of he hadst noticed three or four of the Belles was walking around on crutches and he figgured he couldst win a couple games, especial if'n did pitch Wisnig-----, Weenoot-----, Wichnig-----, ----- that big gal named Connie, in five straight contexts, including two doubleheaders. This here Benny (Daily Double) Meyer got a reputation last season for throwing Connie at the opposition twicet in every serious and ditto in Sunday doubleheaders. In all fairness, I do got to say I don't think it was his fault, as on account I think he was laboring under the delugion all summer that he had two pitchers on his staff, one of whicht was named Weis and the other whicht was named Newski. That was largely on account Connie's last name was too long to get into only one box score and when Benny writ out his line-up for a doubleheader she always run over into the second game. Benny had another gal on his team named Philomenia Gianfrancisco and when both she and Connie Wisniewski played on the same day, they had to get out a extra edition of the noosepaper.

So, anyways, on account of all this here eagerness and champing on the bit on the part of Benny (Seabiscuit) Meyer, he never took off'n his baseball suit for five days and nights, whicht by this time it was slightly mussed, on account of I heared he tossed a lot in his sleep and sometimes run up and down the mattress in the midst of the night, yelling: "Bunt! Bunt! Bunt!" Anyways, Benny was constant galloping through the hotel lobby with his spikes on and oncet he slid safely into a sweet old lady with a cane whicht was jist emerging from the elevator. She took two wild swings at Benny with the cane and then lined him safely into the revolving door for a automatic double.

Every oncet in a while, Benny took a special trip all the ways out to the ball park, whicht it is about four miles from the center of the town, as the smelt runs. Some times he splashed all the way out there by way of the Australian crawl and other times he stowed away with the members of the 8-oared crew of the Grand Rapids Boating Club, whicht it was practising them days in the city streets. But all the time, he was reporting back to the hotel by walkie-talkie in a manner whicht wouldst really put the Heatter on Gabriel. Every oncet in a while, his waterlogged voice wouldst resound over the loud speaker in the lobby saying: "A-a-a-a-a-h, there's good ooze tonight, ladies and gentlemen."



Final, on one of these here trips and in the midst of a special report on the conditions at the field, Benny's voice sudden died away with a ominous gurgle. The alarmed officials of the G.R. club immediate organized a posse and called the United States U.S. Coast Guard over to Muskegon Beach. It was not as if they was so much worried about Benny personal but it seems the suit whicht he had on belonged to the ball club.

When the rescue party final got to the ball park, Benny (Pony Boy) Meyer wasn't nowheres to be seen, whicht by this time was admitted a considerable pleasure to some people. But all over town you couldst hear the earie sound of voices whicht they were

echoing: "B-e-e-e-n-n-n-n-e-e-e-e-e!" to the tune of Chloie. After a frantic search through the swamplands, somebody whicht shouldst have known better spotted Benny out near second base. When they final got the grappling hooks on him he was going down for the last time. The first thing that there Benny (Sea Horse) Meyer said after they had drained the water out'n of his ears with a booster pump, he said: "Tonight's doubleheader will be played—we will *swamp* them Belles!" And when I say he had a frog in his throat, I mean a live one.



So when we got the news down at the hotel, we caught the first boat out to the ball park, whicht with the advantage of favorable tides we got there in good time. Some of the gals got sea-sick on account of the high waves along Main Street but they all turned up for the regatta. On account of I wanted to be as helpful as possible under the circumstances, I offered my great baseball mind to the Racine manager for whatever it was worth, so as a result he asked me wouldst I mind carrying the bats. Whicht was all right with me, excepting on the ways over from the field house, I stepped in a special deep pool in right field and went down with all them loose bats. During the next five minutes I got a terrific ovation from the folks in the grandstand. Some of them said it was the best log-rolling exhibition they had ever saw.

Anyways, by the time the empire yelled Play Ball, it was now so cold the words frizz right in his mouth and a feller slid down them from the press box to pick up the official line-ups. From that point on, it was the fastest and furioust slay ride in the annuals of the national pass time. They was a empire there whicht his name was Rimes and it was soon apparent he didst not rhyme with any thing you couldst put in print. In fack, he was so far out of tune with everyone in the ball park he was jist going from bad to verse. With Mr. Rimes, it seemed like they was never any poetic justice although some of his fantastic decisions was justice bad as anything I ever seen.

This here fugitive from the Seeing-Eye Institute was on the bases in the first game, so as everything went fairly smooth excepting when the gals had to detour around his well upholstered frame on the ways to second base, whicht if it was done proper required a trip through the field house door in right field, out a convenient rear window and then by way of U.S. Highway 112, to the midway station, where usual the entire opposing team was waiting like a reception committee to shove a flock of baseballs down the runner's lily white throat. Some of the first gals whicht rounded first base got trapped bad on account of they stopped to powder their noses, thinking the shine on this empire's blue surge was a mirror. Sophie Kurys was the only player on the field whicht kept her hands warm because on account she played in the lee of this blue-serged mountain and was not exposed to the breeze. In fack, I think some of the time she was playing with her hands in his pockets but he wouldst never know on account he couldst not see that far anyways.

Anyways, that Connie was awful stingy with the Belles in the first game and gave them up only two hits, whicht was even then of the itchy variety, sometimes knowed as scratch hits. An oddity of the first game was that Tuffy Hickson, the Belleswether catcher, hit three G.R. players with throws to the bases and almost single-handed she boosted them around the sacks by the seats of their sliding paddies to beat the Belles two runs to ought.

This here being one of the first serious of games in the All-American played for the edification of them Grand rabid fans, the second context of the nightmare they got a awful eyeful. At this stage of the perceedings, Mr. Rimes hadst somehows contrived to squeeze his big blue bulk between the plate and the screen and he started calling the balls and strikes. Whicht was all right too, excepting he early developed a strange habit of calling the balls strikes and the strikes vicie-versie.

This here natural brought a storm of protest from the rival managers, including of course Benny (Whirlaway) Meyer, whicht it got so bad they was a race to the plate on every pitch. In fack, Benny (Bang Tail) Meyer was even beating the gun by breaking from his barrier in the coaching box and lighting out for the plate before the ball left the pitcher's hand. On some of the slow pitches, he was in there lodging his complaint before the ball arrived. On one occasion, Benny (Overnight Entry) Meyer had such early foot that he went right on past the plate before he couldst stop and came a cropper against the screen back of the platter. If'n have you ever seen him in action, you know he acts like a colt, whicht when the barn door is left open he is heading for a field of oats. That night you wouldst swear that Benny had not saw a single oat for a month.

Charlie Stis of the Belles he was running Benny a close second in the early part of the game but as time wore on he had to resort to the whip to keep up the pace. One time, when this empire seen the two managers coming at the same time, he stepped neatly aside and before Benny and Charlie realized what was happening, they were locked in a fond embrace and was doing a dreamy waltz. The rumor ran fast through the grandstand they were engaged to be married.



Three times the batting order got mixed up and the empire tried his whisk broom to brush the proper Belles batter away off'n the plate. In the midst of the furore, the public address announcer in the press box, whicht must have worked entirely heretofore on strickly quizz programs, came up with the $64 question. "Will the crowd please keep absolute quiet during the balance of the game?" he asked. "On account of we cannot hear whether is the empire calling it a ball or a strike." By now, they is about half of the paid admissions rolling on the ground in front of the stands trying to contain their girth and the other half is still sitting stiffly in their seats turning a nice pale blue and waiting for the little men with the white coats—and I don't not mean the Good Humor



men. They was considerable danger now of this being the first ball game called on account of it is getting light.

Final, the Belles bust through the G. R. pitcher for a couple of hits and we have Irene Hickson invading the Chick's coop to perch on third and Edie Perlick is setting on second. Whilst Twinkletoes Schillace is at bat, Benny (Telephone Special) Meyer decides to give her an intentional walk on purpose. But one of the intentional balls is so wild it goes right through the catcher and the empire and back to the screen. Hickson breaks for the plate and Mickey Maguire goes back to the chicken wire to retrieve the hen fruit. That there catcher Maguire can really propel a pellet, if'n do you know what I mean. Just as Hickson is about to reach the plate, Mickey lets fly with the apple from a distance of about fifteen feet to head her off. This was one of the closest ties I ever seen in my life. It was between the ball and Tuffy's head. Tuffy went down like a year's supply of cordwood, they was a loud yell of "Ti-i-i-i-i-i-m-b-e-r!" and the Racine lassie tagged the plate neatly with the end of her nose. The horse's hide bounced right out'n of the park and was last seen flying very low over the Percy Jones Hospital at Battle Creek.

In the ensuing excitement, Edie Perlick keeps coming all the ways from second, scores a run and joins the group of pall-bearers whicht is now tenderly escorting Hickson's body back to the bench. When the blood is all cleared away and someone has ran down to Spaldings to purchase a new baseball, the empire has forgotten the count on Schillace who is still at bat and in order to preserve his dignity he insists it is now four balls and three strikes on the batter simultaneous and at one and the same time. After the rule book convinced him that this very seldom happens in a ball game, Clara got a free ticket to first and eventual the Belles got her home with the third run of the stanza.

When the inning is final over, the scoreboard displays only two runs for Racine instead of three and this here seems to coincide with the mental tabulation of the empire, the official scorer, the loud speaker and an old lady sitting behind a post wearing dark glasses, whicht later turns out to be the empire's mother. Apparent whilst they had been hiding their eyes and screaming at the sight of our Tuffy Hickson laying prone in the dust, they hadst failed to perceive Miss Perlick arriving at the platter. They now was about a fifteen minutes delay whilst the Racine manager passed through the stands getting eye witnesses and signed affidavits from people whicht had actual seen the Belles score three runs.



Shortly after this here senseless census, third baser Maddy English she dives for a hot liner to her left and plows up with her nose enough of the infield to plant next year's crop of rhubarb. The next thing I seen was Maddy picking up things off'n the ground and handing them to Benny (Racing Form) Meyer. Thinking it was pieces of her nose and knowing that she wouldst never get them back oncet she gave them to that guy, I rushed over there. Imagine my chagrin when I find it is only pieces of Benny's watch, whicht in his excitement and jumping up and down it has sprang out'n of his pocket and sprayed all over the left side of the infield. I don't know did the alarm go off too soon or not but anyways, Maddy was afeared he was going to step on it so she started picking up the pieces so as he wouldst not cut his bare feet, on account of by this time he had long since ran himself right out'n of his shoes and socks. Needless to say, Benny (Clocker's Special) Meyer is more than grateful on account had he stepped on this valuable family heirloom he wouldst have been out about three bucks. So he right off makes a offer to Maddy will she play for Grands Rapid so as he will not have to be mad at her.

In the second game, the Belles had the chickery Chicks purty well Cha-la-cha-la until they stepped on a bananica late in the game. If'n had not the Chicks hatched a couple of runs in the last half of the last inning, I might still be allowed to go out without my nurse. But they got the score all tied up and they had the bases completely inhabited with only one out. Then, the next batter hits the ball to Joanne Winter. Jo whipped it at catcher Hickson, whicht forced the runner coming in from third and then Tuffy rifled the hoss-hide down to Marnie at first to complete a snappy double twin killing and nip the rally. Even Benny (Feed Bag) Meyer started applauding before he couldst catch himself.



The G.R. team was already charging on the field to start the first overtime inning when the empire got his final brain wave and when I mention the word brain I am of course using the word very loose. He either remembered he had a date with his keeper or he wanted to get to the double feature at the Bijou before the prices changed. Anyways, he sudden decided that Hickson didn't not have her foot on the plate, that the runner coming from third had been safe, that a run had scored, that the game was over and that he was going home to bed.

Well, before he couldst even decide whicht pair of pajamas to

wear, they was about ten members of the Belles offering to rock him to sleep—but you shouldst have seen the size of the rocks. The Belles was really wringing in his ears. Charlie Stis was chinning hisself on his lapels and Larry was trying to throw a blanket over his head to capture him alive maybe for the local zoo.

What happened in the next few minutes it is all rather vague to me on account of I couldst not see much because of the noise. It may have been the first official test of the atomic bomb. I do remember seeing a few battered noses and a human ear fly past my place of disadvantage. And at one time, I had to dispose of a loose arm whicht somehow got mixed up with the bats. All I do know for sure is that in the midst of the riot a flying catcher's mask struck Benny (Thunder Head) Meyer in the withers, after whicht he pulled up lame and finished away out'n of the money.

During the melee, Maddy English she was reported to be rapping the hapless empire smartly over the shins with a baseball bat. "If'n couldst you hit a baseball that hard," quipped Sophie Kurys, "we wouldst get a lot more hits." Maddy was undauntless, howsoever. "If'n couldst you hang onto a hot grounder," she flang back, "like you are clinging at that guy's nose, we wouldst have a lot less errors." It was about this time the empire reprimanded Clara Schillace by saying: "Youse are no lady," and she retorted at him: "Neither are you." Whicht she won that argument by a wide margin.

Whilst most of the Grands rabid fans seemed to side with the Belles, they was a few assorted hecklers whicht made the mistake of picking on Eleanor Dapkus from behind the security of a high wire fence. "Why don't youse be a good sport?" inquired one of these dead end kids, referring to Ellie by the pet name of "Muscles." "Why don't you come over on this here side of the fence?" returned Ellie in her most lady-like manner, "and I will be pleased to bash your ugly little noggins together so as your pretty brains drool out on the greensward."

"Oh, yeah?" came back the Grands rabbit wit, "You talk brave with a baseball bat in your mitts." "I wouldst be most happy," snapped Eleanor, tossing away the bat so as it rang dully across my shins, "to perform that minor operation with my bare hands." And judging by the look in them there Dapkus eyes, I wouldst have took a chancet on a baseball bat any day. It isn't not often you see these here All-American gals depart from their lady-like deportment but this here was sure one occasion on whicht I guess they wouldst have to be excused. If'n had it went any further, in fack, I am sure I wouldst have been acting myself like a regular tom-boy, whicht heavens to Betsy forbid.

When we left the park, several of the Belles was missing but we heared later they hitchhiked back downtown on the back of the empire's neck. We hadst only been back at the hotel for a short while when the front door opened and in came the Grands Rapid trainers leading Benny (Hay Burner) Meyer at the end of a halter. The old hoss was limping purty bad and it was a question then wouldst they have to shoot him or turn him out to stud. One thing was certain that Benny (Late Scratch) Meyer wouldst never run again, at leastwise not very fast. As for that there empire, I never did see that guy again and often wonner what happened to him. I wouldst not be surprised were they still dragging the Grand Rapids for his bruised and broken body.

IT'S A GREAT GAME

Girls baseball is a new and entirely exclusive game to the All-American Girls Baseball League. It differs from softball entirely and, with the exception of the pitching rules, it is real baseball.

Nine players are used, as compared to softball's ten. The runners are permitted to take a lead off bases and to steal at any time, as compared to no lead in softball and no leaving a base until after the ball has reached the plate.

The distance between bases is sixty-eight feet, considerably greater than on the softball diamond, opening up the play tremendously and adding to the thrills provided by both fielding and base-running.

There is nothing "kittenish" about the ball that is used in girls baseball. Starting out with a 12-inch circumference when the league was established in 1943, the ball has twice been reduced in size—first to 11½ inches and now, in 1946, to 11 inches. It is small and hard and closer to the size of a regulation baseball than it is to a recognized softball.

In July of 1945, the pitching distance, from the point of home plate to the front of the pitcher's rubber, was increased from 40 feet to 42 feet to compensate for the size of the ball and the speed and deception attainable by the pitcher.

The league has stringent balk rules and instituted a half-balk rule to protect the runners on base from false moves by the pitcher. All phases of the game require the utmost of skill, whether it be pitching, batting, fielding, base-running or sliding. It's a great game!

Where do the All-American girls come from? From all America, of course and from the Dominion of Canada. In mid-season last year, there were seventeen States represented by players on the various teams, as well as four Provinces of Canada. Illinois provided the biggest delegation with 19, California was next with 13 and Michigan was third in representation with 12 players. Then came Wisconsin and Saskatchewan (Canada) with 6 each. Ohio and Alberta (Canada) had five each. New York and Manitoba (Canada) boasted 3 each. Those represented by two players were Indiana, South Carolina, New Jersey, Arizona, Missouri, Kentucky and British Columbia (Canada). And there was one player each from Colorado, Texas and West Virginia.

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SEASON 1945

CLUB BATTING

Club	G	AB	R	OR	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	LOB	Pct.
South Bend	110	3320	349	385	708	2147	65	42	3	93	193	731	.213
Rockford	111	3490	421	312	713	1707	76	25	7	134	278	641	.204
Fort Wayne	112	3388	376	284	639	1954	59	17	11	156	241	714	.189
Racine	110	3347	331	394	604	1803	36	20	7	123	325	701	.180
Grand Rapids	110	3399	333	297	603	1839	57	18	2	141	276	704	.177
Kenosha	111	3327	262	400	553	1541	34	26	8	102	265	620	.166

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Ten or More Games

Name and Club	G	AB	R	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Bat. Ave.
Crews, Mary, Racine	66	135	20	43	111	2	2	0	1	12	17	1	11	11	.319
Callaghan, Helen, Fort Wayne	111	408	77	122	336	17	4	3	12	92	52	4	29	34	.299
Kamenshek, Dorothy, Rockford	109	419	80	115	222	11	2	0	6	60	47	1	26	8	.274
Luna, Betty, South Bend	42	120	8	30	66	7	2	1	4	1	9	3	3	15	.250
Wigiser, Margaret, Rockford	86	309	39	77	191	8	2	2	5	24	29	2	35	17	.249
Mahon, Elizabeth, South Bend	80	260	28	64	178	4	4	0	6	10	25	2	21	16	.246
Eisen, Thelma, Grand Rapids	108	392	44	94	252	16	1	1	13	41	38	1	34	15	.240
Kurys, Sophie, Racine	105	347	73	83	260	6	2	1	19	115	69	5	15	27	.239
Rohrer, Kay, Rockford	100	327	34	78	173	8	1	2	17	26	33	1	26	9	.239
Harrell, Dorothy, Rockford	92	310	36	74	184	6	5	2	18	24	28	0	27	8	.239
Jochum, Betsy, South Bend	110	388	40	92	281	6	5	1	10	25	33	1	36	18	.237
Baker, Mary, South Bend	110	394	49	93	233	6	5	0	7	35	49	1	21	17	.236
Koehn, Phyllis, Kenosha-South Bend	115	408	32	95	252	5	3	1	4	15	24	0	43	19	.233
Stefani, Marge, South Bend	105	337	39	78	284	13	8	1	7	14	64	0	39	7	.231
Tiellet, Yolane, Fort Wayne	10	13	2	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	2	.231
Dapkus, Eleanor, Racine	100	345	26	79	225	9	2	0	7	21	46	3	37	21	.229
Johnson, Arleen, Fort Wayne	15	18	2	4	7	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	.222
Barr, Doris, South Bend-Racine	44	104	8	23	44	1	0	0	2	2	9	0	5	11	.221
O'Brian, Penny, Fort Wayne	83	282	34	61	180	0	0	1	14	43	16	1	23	46	.216
Kellogg, Vivian, Fort Wayne	107	383	31	82	211	10	6	1	9	6	14	2	38	17	.214
Perlick, Edythe, Racine	107	389	47	83	265	4	7	2	14	44	25	5	41	14	.213
Gacioch, Rose, Rockford	105	374	34	79	188	8	2	0	21	25	17	2	44	23	.211
Surkowski, Lee, South Bend	106	349	42	73	219	8	4	1	8	26	28	4	28	34	.209
Deegan, Mildred, Rockford	102	346	47	72	190	9	5	1	13	31	46	3	34	19	.208
Applegren, Irene, Rockford	30	73	8	15	29	1	0	0	5	5	5	0	4	6	.205
Harnett, Ann, Kenosha	99	322	22	65	171	5	5	0	8	14	29	0	25	13	.202
Fabac, Betty, Kenosha	105	356	41	71	183	2	2	0	11	41	43	3	14	31	.199
Wagner, Audrey, Kenosha	101	343	26	68	204	5	9	2	13	13	32	2	26	22	.198
Paire, Lavonne, Fort Wayne	111	392	29	77	210	6	0	0	14	7	37	4	39	6	.196
Shively, Twila, Grand Rapids	106	372	42	73	212	7	2	1	18	46	41	2	23	53	.196
Callaghan, Margaret, Fort Wayne	99	280	34	55	161	1	1	1	11	20	54	3	17	45	.196
Wisniewski, Connie, Grand Rapids	54	138	18	27	83	1	1	0	6	5	17	1	17	12	.196
Dancer, Faye, Fort Wayne	108	343	44	67	228	7	1	3	22	29	46	5	29	38	.195
Schroeder, Dorothy, South Bend-Kenosha	94	312	33	60	182	2	1	2	9	38	44	1	19	62	.192
Ganote, Gertrude, South Bend	81	287	26	55	147	5	8	0	12	9	24	1	19	32	.192
Tetzlaff, Doris, Grand Rapids	110	378	43	72	246	9	2	0	7	37	82	1	24	51	.190
Jameson, Shirley, Kenosha	91	307	41	58	162	4	2	1	5	58	67	2	9	13	.189
Wicken, Elizabeth, Grand Rapids	89	319	22	60	175	7	4	0	3	18	38	2	28	31	.188
Schillace, Clara, Racine	105	357	31	66	226	3	4	1	15	34	61	5	26	27	.185
Fischer, Alva Jo, Rockford	17	33	3	6	18	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	2	7	.182
Florreich, Lois, South Bend-Kenosha	67	217	28	39	146	4	6	0	2	30	19	0	23	24	.180
Whiting, Betty, Grand Rapids	103	358	36	63	180	4	1	0	19	29	37	16	14	17	.176
Pratt, Mary, Kenosha	27	46	3	8	18	0	0	0	3	0	8	0	1	10	.174
Filarski, Helen, Rockford	99	324	44	56	161	7	1	0	17	28	48	1	25	30	.173
Hickson, Irene, Racine	97	318	36	55	159	5	1	0	5	39	43	4	21	33	.173
Wenzell, Marge, Grand Rapids	34	93	10	16	63	2	1	0	1	6	19	1	11	15	.172
Lenard, Josephine, Rockford	95	330	42	56	120	3	4	0	10	36	34	2	24	17	.170

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INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Ten or More Games

Name and Club	G	AB	R	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Bat. Ave.
Jacobs, Janet, Racine	38	100	6	17	57	1	1	2	3	8	11	1	7	15	.170
Klosowski, Dolores, South Bend	19	65	2	11	35	1	0	0	3	0	5	0	4	9	.169
Shinen, Kay, Kenosha	98	333	23	56	156	3	4	1	8	18	25	1	20	14	.168
Haine, Audrey, Fort Wayne	37	85	14	14	49	2	0	0	3	1	10	2	6	5	.165
Little, Olive, Rockford	34	110	6	18	48	3	0	0	5	0	7	0	9	16	.164
Pirok, Pauline, Kenosha-South Bend	106	355	37	58	181	5	2	0	5	27	48	0	18	29	.163
Armstrong, Charlotte, South Bend	47	129	6	21	62	1	1	0	5	4	13	0	8	14	.163
Jacobs, Jane, Racine	21	43	2	7	22	0	0	1	1	0	3	2	4	6	.163
Petras, Ernestine, Grand Rapids	110	359	32	58	184	3	3	0	14	31	22	5	29	38	.162
Kotowicz, Irene, Rockford	52	154	14	25	61	2	1	0	6	9	18	0	12	15	.162
Bird, Nelda, South Bend	41	117	10	19	57	1	0	0	3	6	9	0	5	19	.162
Maguire, Dorothy, Grand Rapids	99	327	35	52	167	6	2	0	15	27	41	5	20	28	.159
English, Madeline, Racine	99	349	33	54	142	1	1	0	17	24	43	3	16	41	.155
Ruhnke, Irene, Fort Wayne	90	290	22	45	151	8	2	0	14	10	21	2	16	17	.155
Francisco, Philomena, Grand Rapids	21	39	6	6	19	1	0	0	0	1	9	0	1	6	.154
O'Hara, Janice, Kenosha	88	247	18	37	122	1	0	0	14	14	22	4	16	16	.150
Carveth, Betty, Rockford-Fort Wayne	21	47	2	7	19	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	1	4	.149
Green, Dorothy, Rockford	44	117	13	17	42	5	1	0	3	5	12	2	5	9	.145
Shinen, Dorothy, Kenosha	36	83	4	12	31	1	0	0	3	5	5	0	5	7	.145
Morris, Carolyn, Rockford	43	118	12	17	39	0	2	0	4	2	6	2	7	29	.144
Emry, Betty, Racine	96	280	13	40	117	1	0	0	14	5	26	2	19	28	.143
Colacito, Lucille, Kenosha	68	177	14	25	58	2	0	1	2	21	14	0	6	22	.141
Ziegler, Alma, Grand Rapids	103	365	35	51	167	3	0	0	16	48	46	3	15	26	.140
Ferguson, Dorothy, Rockford	37	84	5	11	34	2	0	0	1	6	9	0	4	14	.131
Hutchison, Anna May, Racine	24	55	2	7	18	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	4	.127
Lessing, Ruth, Fort Wayne	110	342	32	42	162	2	2	1	14	13	41	3	31	50	.123
Jackson, Lillian, Fort Wayne	62	188	24	23	70	1	1	1	2	7	14	2	12	28	.122
Harney, Elise, Kenosha	43	99	7	12	23	0	0	0	4	3	5	0	4	10	.121
Kabick, Josephine, Grand Rapids	35	99	6	12	41	4	1	0	6	0	4	0	4	15	.121
Winter, Joanne, Racine	45	118	4	14	33	1	0	0	4	6	10	0	3	14	.119
Hageman, Johanna, Kenosha	96	273	8	32	96	2	2	0	10	11	26	0	9	20	.117
Trezza, Betty, Fort Wayne-South Bend	86	276	28	31	125	2	0	0	21	14	36	0	16	36	.112
Wiltse, Dorothy, Fort Wayne	46	113	9	12	57	3	0	0	14	0	16	0	5	34	.106
Thompson, Viola, Grand Rapids	34	77	2	8	28	0	0	0	5	1	12	1	2	14	.104
Blumetta, Katherine, Grand Rapids	23	67	6	7	31	0	0	0	6	1	6	2	0	23	.104
Surkowski, Ann, South Bend	21	39	5	4	18	0	0	0	2	4	3	2	1	7	.103
Lee, Annabelle, Fort Wayne	31	74	4	7	32	2	0	0	6	0	6	1	6	6	.095
Danhauser, Margaret, Racine	110	335	25	31	105	0	0	0	21	12	20	3	10	20	.093
Cione, Jean, Rockford	20	45	2	4	11	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	1	10	.089
Fox, Helen Nicol, Kenosha	46	126	4	10	28	0	1	0	5	6	3	0	3	11	.079
Sopkovic, Kay, South Bend	12	15	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	.067
Stone, Lou, Racine-South Bend	19	50	1	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	2	12	.040
Rini, Mary, Kenosha	23	39	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	12	.000

PLAYERS IN LESS THAN TEN GAMES

Name and Club	G	AB	H	Pct.
Ferguson, Fern, Racine	3	4	1	.250
Michelsen, Darlene, South Bend	3	4	1	.250
Montgomery, Dorothy, Racine	7	17	3	.176
Hill, Joyce, Grand Rapids	9	18	2	.111
Jones, Doris, South Bend	6	15	0	.000
Batikis, Anastasia, Racine	5	11	0	.000
Downs, Dorothea, South Bend	3	5	0	.000
Marsh, Doris, Fort Wayne	3	5	0	.000
Zurowski, Agnes, Racine-Fort Wayne	4	5	0	.000
Menheer, Marie, Racine	1	3	0	.000
Butcher, Mary, Kenosha-Grand Rapids	5	2	0	.000
Damaschke, Dorothy, Racine	1	2	0	.000
Walker, Nellie Jean, South Bend	2	2	0	.000
Wronski, Sylvia, Grand Rapids	4	2	0	.000
Headin, Irene, South Bend	1	0	0	.000

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SEASON 1945

Forty-five or More Innings

Name and Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	E.R. Ave.
Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	46	32	11	.744	391	1367	206	64	35	27	61	82	6	6	0.81
Wiltse, Fort Wayne	46	29	10	.744	345	1129	132	58	32	22	111	293	20	5	0.83
Morris, Rockford	42	28	12	.700	333	1153	163	68	40	31	55	119	9	6	1.08
Fox, Kenosha	46	24	19	.558	357	1232	203	98	53	31	145	220	3	16	1.34
Luna, South Bend	30	14	15	.483	230	813	141	68	39	36	66	77	4	3	1.53
Lee, Fort Wayne	31	13	16	.448	243	852	162	67	42	42	49	54	8	4	1.56
Little, Rockford	34	22	11	.667	295	1052	182	94	55	25	140	142	6	21	1.68
Barr, South Bend-Racine	31	20	8	.714	252	834	144	66	48	23	168	104	3	38	1.71
Kabick, Grand Rapids	35	16	18	.471	292	1056	204	91	60	33	113	33	5	8	1.85
Crews, Racine	37	16	19	.457	284	1028	208	111	59	36	101	58	5	8	1.87
Thompson, Grand Rapids	34	11	19	.367	260	949	209	91	55	45	93	20	4	4	1.90
Koehn, South Bend	7	2	4	.333	52	196	32	28	11	9	26	6	2	2	1.90
Armstrong, South Bend	46	18	22	.450	355	1337	280	137	78	53	83	91	15	8	1.98
Carveth, Rockford-Fort Wayne	21	4	11	.267	138	519	116	57	35	21	47	24	0	3	2.28
Applegren, Rockford	29	13	11	.542	214	749	132	81	58	21	130	27	3	8	2.44
Haine, Fort Wayne	32	16	10	.615	223	798	159	98	61	24	156	101	7	14	2.46
Winter, Racine	34	7	22	.241	256	975	209	125	72	37	77	35	11	2	2.53
Harney, Kenosha	43	14	22	.389	301	1087	201	125	87	48	121	91	10	12	2.60
Bird, South Bend	31	13	17	.433	223	781	135	117	67	34	160	128	8	13	2.70
Jane Jacobs, Racine	21	7	9	.438	125	518	137	68	40	14	30	9	0	6	2.86
Rini, Kenosha	23	2	12	.143	112	428	103	76	45	29	48	15	6	6	3.62
Fischer, Rockford	16	4	7	.364	98	359	78	52	41	12	73	33	7	7	3.77
Pratt, Kenosha	27	1	16	.459	158	592	131	95	70	27	66	14	7	11	3.99
Ganote, South Bend	10	2	2	.500	53	209	47	31	26	6	32	7	0	2	4.42

BALKS: Rini, Bird (6 each)
Kabick, Barr (3 each)
Haine, Armstrong, Koehn, Lee (2 each)
Fischer, Applegren, Thompson, Crews, Luna, Morris (1 each)

LESS THAN FORTY-FIVE INNINGS

Name and Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HB	WP	BK
Blumetta, Grand Rapids	4	1	2	.333	18	15	21	12	25	2	1	0	0
Marsh, Fort Wayne	3	0	2	.000	17	18	10	6	8	2	1	2	0
Zurowski, Racine-Fort Wayne	4	0	1	.000	12	26	19	17	9	2	0	0	0
F. Ferguson, Racine	1	0	0	.000	11	12	10	6	9	0	0	0	1

PITCHERS WITHOUT A DECISION

Name and Club	G	IP	Name and Club	G	IP
Wronski, Grand Rapids	4	11	Dancer, Fort Wayne	1	3
Butcher, Kenosha-Grand Rapids	1	8	Headin, South Bend	1	1
Menheer, Racine	1	6	Ferguson, Rockford	1	1
Maguire, Grand Rapids	1	4	Rohrer, Rockford	1	⅓

Additional Pitcher's Records Rated According to Highest Number of Complete Games Pitched

Name and Club	Ex. Inn. Games	Shutouts	No-Hit	1-Hit	2-Hit	3-Hit	4-Hit	Games Started	Taken Out	Finished	Incomp. Game*	Complete Games
Fox, Kenosha	4	9	1	2	6	8	4	42	2	3	1	40
Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	6	12	0	0	5	6	8	40	1	6	0	39
Wiltse, Fort Wayne	3	17	2	3	12	9	3	39	1	7	0	38
Armstrong, South Bend	2	5	1	1	2	2	5	42	4	3	1	38
Morris, Rockford	2	15	1	3	3	7	6	36	1	6	0	35
Crews, Racine	4	5	0	0	3	4	1	33	2	4	0	31
Kabick, Grand Rapids	3	6	0	2	2	2	5	34	3	1	0	31
Harney, Kenosha	3	5	1	0	1	7	5	38	9	5	0	29
Little, Rockford	4	9	1	0	3	2	2	33	5	1	0	28
Luna, South Bend	3	10	1	0	5	2	1	28	1	2	0	27
Winter, Racine	1	0	0	0	3	2	1	32	5	2	0	27
Lee, Fort Wayne	1	7	1	0	2	2	4	28	3	3	0	25
Barr, South Bend-Racine	1	8	1	0	2	4	3	28	4	3	0	24
Applegren, Rockford	0	3	0	1	3	3	2	29	7	0	0	22
Thompson, Grand Rapids	3	2	0	1	0	1	2	31	9	3	0	22
Bird, South Bend	2	6	0	2	4	2	4	30	9	1	0	21
Haine, Fort Wayne	1	4	1	0	2	3	1	30	9	2	0	21
Carveth, Rockford-Fort Wayne	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	15	2	5	1	13
Pratt, Kenosha	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	18	5	6	3	13
Jane Jacobs, Racine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	3	4	2	12
Fischer, Rockford	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	11	3	4	1	8
Rini, Kenosha	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	6	6	3	8
Koehn, South Bend	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	0	1	0	6
Ganote, South Bend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	7	0	3
Marsh, Fort Wayne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	1
Blumetta, Grand Rapids	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	1

OFFICIAL ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE FIELDING RECORDS

SEASON 1945

CLUB FIELDING

Club	G	DP	TP	PB	PO	A	E	Pct.
Fort Wayne	112	38	1	7	2822	1046	223	.945
Grand Rapids	110	64	0	9	2950	1491	270	.943
Kenosha	111	38	0	13	2787	1176	245	.942
Rockford	111	41	0	10	2887	1124	247	.942
Racine	110	58	0	16	2809	1308	284	.935
South Bend	110	36	0	9	2788	1256	276	.935

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING

Ten or More Games

FIRST BASEMEN

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Crews, Racine	11	24	0	0	1	1000
Danhauser, Racine	110	1140	30	15	34	.987
Whiting, Grand Rapids	92	1132	16	19	36	.984
Hageman, Kenosha	95	931	22	16	23	.983
Kellogg, Fort Wayne	103	915	23	21	25	.978
Ganote, South Bend	62	589	15	15	13	.976
Kamenshek, Rockford	108	1055	27	30	27	.973
Stefani, South Bend	34	350	10	10	2	.973
O'Hara, Kenosha	19	154	3	5	4	.969
Klosowski, South Bend	17	165	9	10	6	.946
Dancer, Fort Wayne	12	86	2	5	2	.946
Blumetta, Grand Rapids	19	107	6	8	10	.934

SECOND BASEMEN

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Kurys, Racine	105	284	168	15	25	.968
Trezza, Ft. Wayne-So. Bend	83	161	124	10	12	.966
Ferguson, Rockford	11	14	11	1	0	.961
Ziegler, Grand Rapids	103	254	213	26	24	.947
Stefani, South Bend	58	153	92	15	12	.942
Deegan, Rockford	101	215	156	30	15	.925
Fabac, Kenosha	105	175	154	27	16	.924
Ruhnke, Fort Wayne	67	137	92	22	11	.913
(Triple Play—Ruhnke)						

THIRD BASEMEN

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Harnett, Kenosha	21	41	66	9	2	.922
M. Callaghan, Fort Wayne	99	176	238	40	10	.912
Stefani, South Bend	10	11	25	4	0	.900
K. Shinen, Kenosha	90	167	271	49	11	.899
Koehn, Kenosha-So. Bend	72	90	186	31	5	.899
Tetzlaff, Grand Rapids	110	169	368	64	18	.894
English, Racine	98	183	228	52	16	.888
Filarski, Rockford	99	171	208	49	7	.886
Ferguson, Rockford	11	20	24	6	0	.880
Florreich, S. Bend-Kenosha	27	36	70	16	6	.869
Ruhnke, Fort Wayne	16	24	28	9	2	.852

SHORTSTOPS

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Petras, Grand Rapids	110	216	267	43	27	.918
Paire, Fort Wayne	110	205	226	39	9	.917
Harrell, Rockford	92	200	221	38	18	.917
Rohrer, Rockford	16	31	39	7	3	.909
Schroeder, S. Bend-Kenosha	94	154	232	51	15	.883
Janet Jacobs, Racine	23	36	43	17	3	.823
Emry, Racine	84	133	159	69	3	.809
Stone, Racine-So. Bend	17	20	37	16	1	.781
Pirok, Kenosha-So. Bend	106	172	284	49	14	.754

OUTFIELDERS

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Florreich, S. Bend-Kenosha	28	43	1	0	0	1000
Ganote, South Bend	16	13	0	0	0	1000
Francisco, Grand Rapids	12	9	2	0	1	1000
Lenard, Rockford	95	140	10	1	2	.993
Dapkus, Racine	100	73	13	1	3	.989
Jameson, Kenosha	91	169	18	4	2	.979
Kotowicz, Rockford	47	72	0	2	0	.973
Shively, Grand Rapids	106	234	9	8	2	.968
Schillace, Racine	105	182	12	7	3	.965
Wigiser, Rockford	83	156	8	6	1	.965
Wenzell, Grand Rapids	19	23	4	1	0	.964
Jackson, Fort Wayne	59	69	7	3	2	.962
Eisen, Grand Rapids	107	220	14	10	4	.959
Gacioch, Rockford	103	156	31	8	0	.959
Mahon, South Bend	79	78	12	4	0	.957
Jochum, South Bend	101	162	13	8	0	.956
D. Shinen, Kenosha	25	19	2	1	0	.955
H. Callaghan, Fort Wayne	111	210	11	11	4	.953
Perlick, Racine	107	220	14	12	5	.951
Wicken, Grand Rapids	87	103	12	6	0	.950
Cione, Rockford	14	19	0	1	0	.950
Koehn, Kenosha-So. Bend	36	71	2	4	0	.948
L. Surkowski, South Bend	102	162	16	12	2	.940
Dancer, Fort Wayne	89	147	15	11	4	.936
Wagner, Kenosha	101	93	23	8	1	.935
O'Brian, Fort Wayne	77	66	6	7	0	.911
O'Hara, Kenosha	63	82	7	9	1	.908
A. Surkowski, South Bend	18	11	2	3	1	.867
Bird, South Bend	10	14	3	4	0	.809
(Triple Play—Dancer)						

PITCHERS

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Ganote, South Bend	10	3	20	1	0	.958
Lee, Fort Wayne	31	17	88	5	2	.955
Pratt, Kenosha	27	24	67	5	1	.948
Barr, South Bend-Racine	31	44	46	5	4	.947
Winter, Racine	34	26	115	8	6	.946
Jane Jacobs, Racine	21	5	29	2	1	.944
Applegren, Rockford	29	14	81	6	2	.941
Armstrong, South Bend	46	10	132	9	1	.940
Thompson, Grand Rapids	34	9	78	6	2	.935
Fox, Kenosha	46	56	64	9	2	.930
Harney, Kenosha	43	30	101	10	1	.929
Morris, Rockford	42	21	83	8	0	.929
Fischer, Rockford	16	8	27	3	1	.921
Crews, Racine	37	32	163	18	6	.915
Wiltse, Fort Wayne	46	30	55	8	0	.914
Little, Rockford	34	26	84	11	4	.909
Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	46	15	172	20	6	.903
Luna, South Bend	30	20	79	11	0	.900
Carveth, Rkfd.-Ft. Wayne	21	6	63	9	3	.885
Kabick, Grand Rapids	35	13	99	15	2	.882
Haine, Fort Wayne	32	26	52	11	1	.876
Rini, Kenosha	23	8	35	7	1	.860
Bird, South Bend	31	13	55	13	1	.840
(Triple Play—Wiltse)						

CATCHERS

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PB	Pct.
Lessing, Fort Wayne	110	634	83	13	8	7	.982
Colacito, Kenosha	52	243	21	5	6	4	.981
Rohrer, Rockford	76	365	67	14	7	9	.969
Green, Rockford	44	148	20	6	0	0	.966
Baker, South Bend	110	508	69	23	5	10	.962
Whiting, Grand Rapids	11	35	13	2	3	4	.960
Harnett, Kenosha	69	275	46	16	3	10	.953
Hutchison, Racine	20	40	12	3	2	4	.945
Hickson, Racine	96	311	92	29	14	12	.933
Maguire, Grand Rapids	96	245	77	27	8	4	.923
Sopkovic, South Bend	10	8	1	1	0	0	.900

RACINE PITCHERS AGAINST OPPOSING CLUBS • 1945

Pitcher	Rockford W L	So. Bend W L	Kenosha W L	Grd. Rapids W L	Ft. Wayne W L	Totals W L
Barr, Doris	4—2	2—2	6—0	3—3	5—1	20— 8
Crews, Mary	3—4	2—3	4—4	2—3	5—5	16—19
Jacobs, Jane	2—1	3—3	1—0	1—3	0—2	7— 9
Winter, Joanne	1—5	1—6	4—2	1—5	0—4	7—22
Ferguson, Fern	0—0	0—0	0—0	0—1	0—0	0— 1
Zurowski, Agnes	0—0	0—0	0—1	0—0	0—0	0— 1
Totals	10—12	8—14	15— 7	7—15	10—12	50—60

How did Racine pitchers go against opposing clubs and vice-versa? The accompanying tables show at a glance the winning and losing records of Racine pitchers against each of the opposing clubs, as well as the opposing pitcher's records against the Belles.

In the first table, Dodie Barr of Racine shows up as a veritable nemesis for the Kenosha and Fort Wayne clubs. Dodie won six times from the Comets without a reverse and had an excellent record of five wins and only one loss against Fort Wayne. Moreover, Dodie did not show a deficit against any club in the league in 1945, with winning margins over Rockford, Kenosha and Fort Wayne, while breaking even with South Bend and Grand Rapids.

Mary Crews, second ranking Racine hurler, could not show a winning margin over any one club, although she broke even with Kenosha and Fort Wayne and won her greatest number of games from these two teams, as did Barr. Mary lost one more than she won from Rockford, South Bend and Grand Rapids.

Jane Jacobs had a winning margin over Rockford and Kenosha. She broke even against South Bend and had losing margins to Grand Rapids and Fort Wayne.

Joanne Winter took a bad dose of medicine from all the teams in the league with the exception of Kenosha, where she had a 4-2 margin in her favor. South Bend was her toughest foe with six wins and Rockford and Grand Rapids both tipped her five times.

In the totals, it can be seen that the Belles had their greatest success against their Kenosha "cousins," winning 15 of the 22 games played between the two teams. The locals also showed up well against the two top teams of the league, having identical records of 10 won and 12 lost in play against Rockford and Fort Wayne.

Strange to say, South Bend was a nemesis for the Belles, winning 14 games from Racine and losing only eight, even though Racine beat them out for fourth place in the final standings. And Grand Rapids was the toughest club in the league for the Belles to beat, the Chicks winning 15 and losing only seven to the local club.

SPRING TRAINING 1946

The All American Girls Baseball League selected the town of Pascagoula, Mississippi as its training site in the spring of 1946. To this picturesque resort on the Gulf of Mexico, not far from Biloxi, went all the regular league players from bygone years, as well as an approximate one hundred new prospects who had been signed by the league during the winter.

The rookies and the regular pitchers reported at Pascagoula on April 25 and the balance of the veterans arrived on May 1. After the tryouts, the allocation meeting of the league was held on May 4, at which time the official personnel of the eight teams was determined, including the rosters of the two new clubs to join the league this year, Peoria and Muskegon.

The eight girls teams then split into pairs and played ten-day exhibition tours throughout southern cities on their way north, with games in the various cities being sponsored locally and local charities benefiting from the proceeds, at the same time affording an excellent opportunity to introduce girls professional baseball in those communities.

The Racine Belles paired with the Muskegon team, with games scheduled between May 7 and 14 in the cities of Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta and Montgomery. Other teams traveled and played in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Florida, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina and Indiana cities.

The Racine Belles were due back in their home town about one week in advance of the opening game of the season, following the spring tour and in time to assure some advance tuning up which should promise excellent baseball for local fans right from the opening gun of the 1946 season.

OPPOSING PITCHERS AGAINST RACINE • 1945

Pitcher and Club	Won	Lost
Applegren, Rockford	1	2
Armstrong, South Bend	4	3
Bird, South Bend	4	1
Carveth, Fort Wayne	1	3
Fischer, Rockford	1	1
Fox, Kenosha	4	4
Ganote, South Bend	0	1
Haine, Fort Wayne	1	3
Harney, Kenosha	2	5
Kabick, Grand Rapids	4	4

Pitcher and Club	Won	Lost
Koehn, South Bend	1	1
Lee, Fort Wayne	4	3
Little, Rockford	4	3
Luna, South Bend	5	2
Morris, Rockford	6	4
Pratt, Kenosha	1	3
Rini, Kenosha	0	3
Thompson, Grand Rapids	2	3
Wiltse, Fort Wayne	6	1
Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	9	0

In the second table, it becomes apparent why Grand Rapids had the biggest winning margin of any team in the league against Racine. Connie Wisniewski, slick Chicks pitcher and the league's leading hurler, set down the Belles nine times with nary a single reverse in 1945.

The next most successful pitcher against the Belles in the 1945 season was Dottie Wiltse of Fort Wayne, who copped six decisions against one reverse. The third pitcher in number of games won from the locals was Carolyn Morris, of Rockford, who also won six games from the Belles but lost four times. This is exactly the rotation in which Wisniewski, Wiltse and Morris finished in the league standing for pitchers in 1945. However, Grand Rapids Connie was the only pitcher who whitewashed the Belles throughout the season.

In turn, the Belles had a clean slate only against two pitchers, beating Mary Rini of Kenosha three times without a loss and taking a loner from Ganote of South Bend, who is not a regular pitcher. Eight pitchers in the league had winning percentages against the Belles, eight suffered losing records and four broke even in their games against the club.

No pitcher wielded quite the same power over the Belles as that which was evidenced by Wisniewski, although Dorothy Wiltse and Nelda Bird, of the regular starters were beaten only once by Racine. The Belles indicated, on the other hand, that they were able to beat the other pitchers in the league on occasions when they had their batting form.

The game which Racine lost to Mary Pratt of Kenosha, a one-hitter, proved to be the only win registered by that hard luck pitcher in the entire 1945 season, against sixteen losses.

NEW ATTENDANCE GOAL

It is no secret that during 1946 the All-American Girls Baseball League will be shooting at the One Million mark in attendance. Last year, with six teams, the league enjoyed its biggest attendance in three years of operation and new records were set for the season and for individual game attendance.

A total of 419,950 people saw the regular league games in the six home parks and 25,114 additional fans attended the various games in the play-off series, making a grand total of 445,064 who enjoyed girls baseball in 1945.

Rockford topped all the other clubs in the regular season and in the series with a total attendance of 104,456 for regular games and 12,444 for the series. Grand Rapids had 91,324 during the regular season and 5,676 at play-off games. Fort Wayne attracted 69,050 during the season and 3,950 for the play-offs. Racine had a season attendance of 66,956 and 3,044 at extra-curricular games. Then came South Bend with 49,223 and Kenosha with 38,841.

Rockford also set an all-time record for a regular league offering with a crowd of 5,700 people in the latter part of the season to stamp itself without question as the best drawing town in the circuit.

The two new cities which joined the league last year showed up exceptionally well and Grand Rapids and Fort Wayne should improve their showing in the second year as the game gathers renown and steady followers. With still two more cities, Peoria and Muskegon, joining the circuit in 1946, eight teams in all will be shooting at the mark established by Rockford last year and the One Million attendance goal is not out of sight.

With a good team on the field and continued loyalty on the part of Racine fans, this community should maintain the fine reputation it has gained throughout the circuit. Help the Belles to hit the 100,000 mark.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
Final Standings of Clubs for 1945

	W	L	Pct.
Rockford	67	43	.609
Fort Wayne	62	47	.569
Grd. Rapids	60	50	.545
Racine	50	60	.455
South Bend	49	60	.450
Kenosha	41	69	.373

FORT WAYNE vs RACINE
won by Fort Wayne: 6-1, 8-2, 4-5, 10-3

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Racine	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	3
Ft. Wayne	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	0	*	6	8	2

Batteries: Racine—Barr and Hickson; Fort Wayne—Wiltse and Lessing.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Racine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	2
Ft. Wayne	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	*	8	8	4

Batteries: Racine—Crews and Hickson; Fort Wayne—Lee and Lessing.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
Ft. Wayne	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	5	4
Racine	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	5	7	3

Batteries: Fort Wayne—Carveth and Lessing; Racine—Barr and Hickson.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Ft. Wayne	2	1	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	10	12	1
Racine	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	6	4

Batteries: Fort Wayne—Wiltse and Lessing; Racine—Crews, Winter and Hickson.

ROCKFORD vs GRAND RAPIDS
won by Rockford: 1-0, 4-3, 0-1, 2-0

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Grd. Rapids	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Rockford	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	1

Batteries: Grd. Rapids—Wisniewski and Maguire; Rockford—Morris and Rohrer.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Grd. Rapids	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	7	3
Rockford	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	*	4	6	1

Batteries: Grand Rapids—Kabick and Maguire; Rockford—Little, Morris and Rohrer.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Rockford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Grd. Rapids	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	*	1	3	1

Batteries: Rockford—Applegren and Rohrer; Grand Rapids—Wisniewski and Maguire.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Rockford	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	5	0
Grd. Rapids	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3

Batteries: Rockford—Morris and Rohrer; Grd. Rapids—Wisniewski and Maguire.

ROCKFORD vs FORT WAYNE
won by Rockford: 2-1, 3-2, 3-1, 0-2, 3-2

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Ft. Wayne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	1
Rockford	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	*	2	4	0

Batteries: Fort Wayne—Wiltse and Lessing; Rockford—Little, Fischer and Rohrer.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
Ft. Wayne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	3	3
Rockford	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	7	0

Batteries: Fort Wayne—Lee and Lessing; Rockford—Applegren, Fischer, Morris and Rohrer.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Ft. Wayne	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	4
Rockford	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	3	7	1

Batteries: Fort Wayne—Haine and Lessing; Rockford—Morris and Rohrer.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Rockford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1
Ft. Wayne	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	1

Batteries: Rockford—Little and Green; Fort Wayne—Wiltse and Lessing.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Rockford	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	7	3
Ft. Wayne	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	7	3

Batteries: Rockford—Morris and Rohrer; Fort Wayne—Lee, Wiltse and Lessing.

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The Rockford Peaches were crowned as champions largely as a result of splendid pitching and fine defensive work, coupled with hitting of timely variety. Carolyn Morris of the Peaches was the stand-out pitcher of the series. Of the nine play-off games in which Rockford participated, the Peaches won seven. Six of these were credited to the capable Carolyn and the seventh was won by Olive Little.

Morris beat Grand Rapids 1-0, 4-3 and 2-0 for three of the victories in that four game series, shading Connie Wisniewski in two of them. Wisniewski pitched the masterpiece of the series in her other start, beating Rockford 1-0 on one hit. She started in three of the four games played by her team and had a record of 1 won and 2 lost. Connie had the misfortune in her full twenty-seven innings pitched to have only one run scored by her mates, which in turn testifies to the fine pitching of the Rockford staff and chiefly the aforementioned Miss Morris. Carolyn started in two games and won the other in a relief role.

In the Fort Wayne series, Morris tumbled the Daisies by scores of 3-2, 3-1 and 3-2. Again she started in two games and won a third as a relief pitcher for a mark of 3 wins and no losses.

Dorothy Wiltse was the only other play-off series pitcher with a winning percentage. She beat Racine 6-1 and 10-3 and she took the only game her team was able to win from Rockford by 2-0. Her record for the entire play-off series was 3 won and 1 lost.

In the hitting department, special plaudits would go to Jo Lenard, Rose Gacioch, Snooky Harrell and Dotty Kamenshek of Rockford in the Grand Rapids series while Thelma Eisen supplied the fireworks for the Chicks.

In the Racine-Fort Wayne series, Penny O'Brian was effective with the stick, getting two hits in each of the three winning games for her team, while Irene Ruhnke, Pepper Paire and Vivian Kellogg made timely blows. For Racine, Janet Jacobs' home run to tie the score in the ninth of the only game the Belles won, was the only big cheer.

In the finals between Rockford and Fort Wayne, singles by Helen Filarski and Dotty Kamenshek with a triple by Kay Rohrer were the telling blows in the first game. Helen Callaghan of the Daisies cashed in a double. Kay Rohrer again tripled in the 11th inning of the second game with the telling blow. Filarski singled home the winning runs in the third contest and in the fifth and final game, it was Milly Deegan's homer that climaxed the series.

Rockford got 46 hits in 9 play-off games and Fort Wayne got 58 hits in the same number of contests. Grand Rapids got 20 hits in 4 games and Racine got 19 hits in 4 games. Thus, Fort Wayne had a big margin in average hits per game over the three other teams who were all about the same.

Rockford scored 18 runs in 9 games and Fort Wayne scored 36 runs in their 9 contests. Grand Rapids had 4 runs in 4 games and Racine had 11 runs in 4 games. Thus, the Daisies again had a big edge in average runs per game played.

However, the real pay-off was in the pitching and the fine fielding of the Rockford Peaches. Rockford committed only 8 errors in 9 games for an average of less than one per game. Fort Wayne had 23 errors in 9 games for an average of about 2½ per game. Grand Rapids had 7 errors in 4 games and Racine had 12 errors in 4 contests.

Thus, Rockford proved again the old adage, that in a short series, it is the pitching and the fielding that pay off, with one pitcher being able to rack up six of the seven wins necessary to carry the team to the title and with the air-tight support that helps her to sneak through to win the close decisions. In 4 of her 6 wins, Carolyn Morris triumphed by a margin of only one run. In the other two games, her margin was only two runs. That shows the importance of support in winning "money" games.

INDIVIDUAL BATTING RECORDS

Highest Percentage

.332—Gladys Davis, Rockford—1943.
BY YEARS
1943—.332, Gladys Davis, Rockford.
1944—.296, Betsy Jochum, South Bend.
1945—.299, Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne.

Most Times at Bat

447—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford—1944.
BY YEARS
1943—439, Betsy Jochum, South Bend.
1944—447, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford.
1945—419, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford.

Most Runs Scored

111—Shirley Jameson, Kenosha—1943.
BY YEARS
1943—111, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha.
1944— 87, Sophie Kurys, Racine.
1945— 80, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford.

Most Runs Batted-In

69—Ann Harnett, Kenosha—1943.
BY YEARS
1943—69, Ann Harnett, Kenosha.
1944—63, Edythe Perlick, Racine.
1945—44, Rose Gacioch, Rockford.

Most Hits

128—Betsy Jochum, South Bend—1944.
BY YEARS
1943—120, Betsy Jochum, South Bend.
1944—128, Betsy Jochum, South Bend.
1945—122, Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne.

Most Long Hits (Doubles, Triples, Home Runs)

26—Ann Harnett, Kenosha—1943.
BY YEARS
1943—26, Ann Harnett, Kenosha.
1944—19, Eleanor Dapkus, Racine.
1944—19, Merle Keagle, Milwaukee.
1945—24, Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne.

Most Singles

120—Betsy Jochum, South Bend—1944.
BY YEARS
1943—100, Betsy Jochum, South Bend.
1944—120, Betsy Jochum, South Bend.
1945—102, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford.

Most Doubles

17—Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne—1945.
BY YEARS
1943—12, Betsy Jochum, South Bend.
1944—10, Eleanor Dapkus, Racine.
1944—10, Pauline Pirok, Kenosha.
1945—17, Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne.

Most Triples

11—Margaret Stefani, South Bend—1943.
BY YEARS
1943—11, Margaret Stefani, South Bend.
1944—10, Josephine Lenard, Rockford.
1945— 9, Audrey Wagner, Kenosha.

Most Home Runs

10—Eleanor Dapkus, Racine—1943.
BY YEARS
1943—10, Eleanor Dapkus, Racine.
1944— 7, Merle Keagle, Milwaukee.
1945— 3, Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne.
1945— 3, Faye Dancer, Fort Wayne.

Most Stolen Bases

166—Sophie Kurys, Racine—1944.
BY YEARS
1943—126, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha.
1944—166, Sophie Kurys, Racine.
1945—115, Sophie Kurys, Racine.

Most Bases On Balls

82—Doris Tetzlaff, Grand Rapids—1945.
BY YEARS
1943—71, Margaret Stefani, South Bend.
1944—78, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha.
1945—82, Doris Tetzlaff, Grand Rapids.

Most Strike-outs

62—Lois Florreich, South Bend—1943; and Dorothy Schroeder, South Bend, Kenosha—1945.
BY YEARS
1943—62, Lois Florreich, South Bend.
1944—60, Gertrude Ganote, Kenosha.
1945—62, Dorothy Schroeder, South Bend and Kenosha.

Fewest Strike-outs (100 Games or More)

3—Josephine D'Angelo, South Bend—1943.
BY YEARS
1943—3, Josephine D'Angelo, South Bend.
1944—6, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford.
1945—6, Lavonne Paire, Fort Wayne.

Most Hits, Season—Each Club

South Bend—Betsy Jochum—1944	128
Fort Wayne—Helen Callaghan—1945	122
Rockford—Gladys Davis—1943	116
Minneapolis—Helen Callaghan—1944	114
Kenosha—Shirley Jameson—1943	108
Milwaukee—Merle Keagle—1944	107
Racine—Sophie Kurys—1943	104
Grand Rapids—Thelma Eisen—1945	94

Champion Batter—Each Club

Rockford—Gladys Davis—1943	.332
Fort Wayne—Helen Callaghan—1945	.299
South Bend—Betsy Jochum—1944	.296
Minneapolis—Helen Callaghan—1944	.287
Racine—Eleanor Dapkus—1944	.273
Kenosha—Shirley Jameson—1943	.271
Milwaukee—Merle Keagle—1944	.264
Grand Rapids—Thelma Eisen—1945	.240

Most Total Advanced Bases

1943—No Record.
1944—No Record.
1945—336, Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne.

Most Runs Scored by Player—Season—Each Club

Kenosha—Shirley Jameson—1943	111
Racine—Sophie Kurys—1944	87
South Bend—Margaret Stefani—1943	87
Milwaukee—Vickie Panos—1944	84
Minneapolis—Helen Callaghan—1944	81
Rockford—Dorothy Kamenshek—1945	80
Fort Wayne—Helen Callaghan—1945	77
Grand Rapids—Thelma Eisen—1945	44

Most Runs Batted-In by Player—Season—Each Club

Kenosha—Ann Harnett—1943	69
Racine—Edythe Perlick—1944	63
Rockford—Gladys Davis—1943	58
South Bend—Margaret Stefani—1943	55
Minneapolis—Faye Dancer—1944	48
Milwaukee—Merle Keagle—1944	47
Fort Wayne—Lavonne Paire—1945	39
Grand Rapids—Thelma Eisen—1945	34

INDIVIDUAL BATTING RECORDS

Most Runs, Game—4, Held by many players.
Most Consecutive Games, Scoring Runs—11, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha, May 30-June 13, 1943—22 runs.
Most Runs Batted In, Game—6, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford, 1st game, July 18, 1943; Ann Harnett, Kenosha, August 16, 1943; Margaret Wigiser, Minneapolis, Rockford, 1st game, August 8, 1944.
Most Bases on Balls, Game—4, Held by many players.
Most Strikeouts, Game—4, Held by many players.
Most Base Hits, Game—6, Dorothy Wind, Racine, August 28, 1943.
Most Consecutive Games Batted Safely—13, Mildred Warwick, Rockford, June 20-27, 1943; Elizabeth Mahon South Bend, July 27-August 9, 1945.

INDIVIDUAL BATTING RECORDS—(Continued)

Most 2-Base Hits, Game—2, Held by many players.
Most 3-Base Hits, Game—3, Lois Florreich, South Bend, 1st game, July 1, 1945.
Most Home Runs, Game—2, Held by several players.
Most Total Bases, Game—10, Lois Florreich, South Bend, 1st game, July 1, 1945.
Most Total Advanced Bases, Game—16, Lois Florreich, 1st game, July 1, 1945.
Most Sacrifice Hits, Game—3, Clara Schillace, Racine, July 7, 1943; Dorothy Maguire, Grand Rapids, June 19, 1945; Margaret Danhauser, Racine, August 13, 1945.
Most Stolen Bases, Game—7, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha, July 2, 1944; Lois Florreich, South Bend, July 24, 1944; Betsy Jochum, South Bend, 2nd game, August 2, 1944; Sophie Kurys, Racine, 2nd game, September 3, 1944.
Most Consecutive Games, Stealing Bases—18, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha, June 14-26, 1943—39 stolen bases; 17, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha, June 25-July 7, 1944—46 stolen bases.
Most Consecutive Games, No Strikeouts—57, Margaret Stefani, South Bend, June 30-August 22, 1943.

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING RECORDS

Perfect Games (No Batter Reaching First Base)

Annabelle Lee—Minneapolis—July 29, 1944, vs. Kenosha.
Carolyn Morris—Rockford—July 6, 1945, vs. Fort Wayne.

No-Hit No-Run Games
9 Innings

Helen Nicol—Kenosha—Sept. 4, 1944, vs. Racine.
Carolyn Morris—Rockford—Sept. 6, 1944, vs. South Bend.
Annabelle Lee—Fort Wayne—July 7, 1945, vs. Grand Rapids.
Dorothy Wiltse—Fort Wayne—June 29, 1945, vs. Rockford; July 15, 1945, vs. South Bend.
Elise Harney—Kenosha—June 14, 1945, vs. Fort Wayne.
Olive Little—Rockford—July 10, 1945, vs. Fort Wayne.
Betty Luna—South Bend—August 6, 1945, vs. Grand Rapids.

7 Innings

Audrey Haine—Minneapolis—August 26, 1944, vs. Kenosha.
Carolyn Morris—Rockford—August 6, 1944, vs. Milwaukee.
Olive Little—Rockford—August 15, 1943, vs. South Bend.
Doris Barr—Racine—July 1, 1945, vs. Fort Wayne.
Charlotte Armstrong—South Bend—August 21, 1945, vs. Grand Rapids.

6 Innings

Audrey Haine—Fort Wayne; and Helen Nicol Fox—Kenosha—pitched a six-inning double no-hit game on June 15, 1945, called account of rain.

No-Hit Games

Elise Harney—Kenosha—July 22, 1944, vs. Racine—no hits in nine innings but allowed two runs.
Mary Pratt—Rockford and Kenosha—June 14, 1944, vs. Minneapolis—allowed no hits in seven innings but gave up one run.
Olive Little—Rockford—June 10, 1943, vs. Kenosha—9 innings no-hit game but allowed two runs.

Most Innings Pitched in Game—17

Doris Barr—South Bend—June 25, 1943, vs. Kenosha.

Most Runs off Pitcher in Game—19

Martha Walker—Racine—June 19, 1943, vs. South Bend.

Most Hits off Pitcher in Game—19

Olive Little—Rockford—June 18, 1945, vs. South Bend.

Most Consecutive Games Won—13

Helen Nicol—1943.

Most Consecutve Games Lost—10

Catherine Bennett—Kenosha and South Bend, 1943.

Most Consecutive Shutouts—4

Betty Luna—South Bend—1945.
August 6 vs. Grand Rapids (no hit) 9 innings; August 8 vs. Grand Rapids (2 hits) 9 innings; August 11 vs. Kenosha (2 hits) 7 innings; August 11 vs. Kenosha (2 hits) 9 innings.

Most Bases on Balls in Game—21

Martha Walker—Racine—June 19, 1943 vs. South Bend.

Most Strike-outs in Game—15

Olive Little—Rockford—June 28, 1945, vs. Fort Wayne.

Most Consecutive Scoreless Innings—46

Dorothy Wiltse—Minneapolis—1944.
June 4, vs. Rockford—8⅓; June 8 vs. Racine—9; June 10 vs. South Bend—9; June 11 vs. South Bend—3⅔; June 13 vs. Racine—9; June 16 vs. Racine—7.

Most Complete Games

SEASON—40, Helen Nicol Fox—Kenosha, 1945.
BY YEARS
1943—Helen Nicol—Kenosha..... 33
1944—Mary Nesbitt Crews—Racine..... 37
1945—Helen Nicol Fox—Kenosha..... 40

Most Games Pitched

SEASON—47—Helen Nicol, Kenosha; Margaret Berger, South Bend; Mary Nesbitt, Racine. All in 1943.
BY YEARS
1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha; Margaret Berger, South Bend; Mary Nesbitt, Racine..... 47
1944—Josephine Kabick, Milwaukee; Mary Nesbitt Crews, Racine..... 45
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids; Dorothy Wiltse, Fort Wayne; Helen Nicol Fox, Kenosha; Charlotte Armstrong, South Bend..... 46

Most Innings Pitched

SEASON—391, Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1945.
BY YEARS
1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha..... 348
1944—Josephine Kabick, Milwaukee..... 366
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids..... 391

Most Runs off Pitcher

SEASON—177, Clara Cook, Rockford and Kenosha—1943.
BY YEARS
1943—Clara Cook, Rockford and Kenosha..... 177
1944—Joanne Winter, Racine..... 172
1945—Charlotte Armstrong, South Bend..... 137

Most Earned Runs off Pitcher

SEASON—124, Audrey Haine, Minneapolis—1944.
BY YEARS
1943—Muriel Coben, South Bend and Rockford..... 102
1944—Audry Haine, Minneapolis..... 124
1945—Elise Harney, Kenosha..... 87

Leader in Earned Run Average

SEASON—0.81, Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1945.
BY YEARS
1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha..... 1.81
1944—Helen Nicol, Kenosha..... 0.93
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids..... 0.81

Most Hits off Pitcher

SEASON—282, Elise Harney, Kenosha—1943.
BY YEARS
1943—Elise Harney, Kenosha..... 282
1944—Josephine Kabick, Milwaukee..... 270
1945—Charlotte Armstrong, South Bend..... 280

Highest Percentage Games Won

SEASON—.795, Helen Nicol, Kenosha—1943 (Won 31—Lost 8).
BY YEARS
1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha (Won 31—Lost 8)..... .795
1944—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids (Won 23—Lost 10)..... .697
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids (Won 32—Lost 11)..... .744
1945—Dorothy Wiltse, Fort Wayne (Won 29—Lost 10) .743

Most Games Won

SEASON—32, Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1945.
BY YEARS
1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha..... 31
1944—Josephine Kabick, Milwaukee..... 26
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids..... 32

Most Games Lost

SEASON—23, Joanne Winter, Racine—1944.
BY YEARS
1943—Elise Harney, Kenosha..... 19
1943—Marjorie Peters, Rockford..... 19
1944—Joanne Winter, Racine..... 23
1945—Charlotte Armstrong, South Bend..... 22
1945—Joanne Winter, Racine..... 22
1945—Elise Harney, Kenosha..... 22

Most Shutout Games

SEASON—17, Dorothy Wiltse, Fort Wayne—1945.
BY YEARS
1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha..... 8
1944—Carolyn Morris, Rockford..... 11
1945—Dorothy Wiltse, Fort Wayne..... 17

Most at Bats off Pitcher

SEASON—1367, Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1945.

Most Bases on Balls off Pitcher

SEASON—209, Audrey Haine, Minneapolis—1944.

Most Strike-outs off Pitcher

SEASON—293, Dorothy Wiltse, Fort Wayne—1945.

Most Hit Batsmen off Pitcher

SEASON—44, Dorothy Wiltse, Minneapolis—1944.

Most Wild Pitches off Pitcher

SEASON—38, Doris Barr, South Bend and Racine—1945.

Most Balks by Pitcher

SEASON—6, Mary Rini, Kenosha—1945.
SEASON—6, Nelda Bird, South Bend—1945.

ALL-TIME RECORDS

Club Batting—1 Game

Most Runs Scored One Club—19, South Bend vs. Racine, June 19, 1943; Racine vs. South Bend, June 22, 1943.
Most Hits—19, Kenosha vs. Rockford, June 11, 1943; South Bend vs. Rockford, June 18, 1945.
Most Doubles—8, Rockford vs. Racine, June 22, 1945.
Most Triples—4, Racine vs. Rockford, June 17, 1943.
Most Home Runs—3, Racine vs. Rockford, July 8, 1943; Minneapolis vs. Milwaukee, July 2, 1944; Minneapolis vs. Kenosha, July 29, 1944.
Most Stolen Bases—24, Racine vs. Minneapolis, June 7, 1944.
Most Bases on Balls—23, South Bend vs. Racine, June 19, 1943.
Most Strike-outs—15, Fort Wayne vs. Rockford, June 28, 1945.
Most Left on Bases—17, South Bend vs. Minneapolis, July 31, 1944.
Most Errors—12, Rockford vs. Racine, August 17, 1943.
Most Consecutive Games Won—11, Milwaukee, August 13-21, 1944.
Most Consecutive Games Lost—10, Kenosha, June 16-24, 1945.
Most Double Plays—4, South Bend vs. Kenosha, June 22, 1945; Racine vs. Grand Rapids, July 16, 1945.

Club Batting—Season

Highest Percentage—.246, Racine—1943.
Most Times at Bat—3711, Minneapolis—1944.
Most Runs Scored—611, Racine—1943.
Fewest Runs Scored—262, Kenosha—1945.
Most Runs by Opponents—581, Minneapolis—1944.
Fewest Runs by Opponents—284, Fort Wayne—1945.
Most Hits—865, Racine—1943.
Fewest Hits—553, Kenosha—1945.
Most Doubles—76, Rockford—1945.
Most Triples—59, Kenosha—1943.
Most Total Advanced Bases—2147, South Bend—1945.
Most Runs Batted In—434, Racine—1943.
Fewest Runs Batted In—170, Kenosha—1945.
Most Home Runs—24, Racine—1943.

ALL-TIME RECORDS

Individual Fielding—Season

First Basemen

Most Games Played—116, Johanna Hageman, South Bend—1944.
Highest Percentage—.988, Gertrude Ganote, Kenosha—1944.
Most Chances Accepted—1254, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford—1944.
Most Putouts—1215, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford—1944.
Most Assists—39, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford—1944.
Most Errors—38, Margaret Danhauser, Racine—1944.
Most Double Plays—39, Johanna Hageman, South Bend—1943.

Second Basemen

Most Games Played—116, Sophie Kurys, Racine; Margaret Stefani, South Bend—1944.
Highest Percentage—.969, Mildred Deegan, Rockford—1944.
Most Chances Accepted—573, Alma Ziegler, Milwaukee—1944.
Most Putouts—361, Alma Ziegler, Milwaukee—1944.
Most Assists—252, Margaret Stefani, South Bend—1943.
Most Errors—40, Margaret Stefani, South Bend—1944.
Most Double Plays—27, Alma Ziegler, Milwaukee—1944.

Third Basemen

Most Games Played—110, Doris Tetzlaff, Grand Rapids—1945.
Highest Percentage—.913, Lois Florreich, South Bend—1944.
Most Chances Accepted—537, Doris Tetzlaff, Grand Rapids—1945.
Most Putouts—205, Ann Harnett, Kenosha—1943.
Most Assists—368, Doris Tetzlaff, Grand Rapids—1945.
Most Errors—78, Madeline English, Racine—1943.
Most Double Plays—18, Doris Tetzlaff, Grand Rapids—1945.

Shortstops

Most Games Played—116, Dorothy Schroeder, South Bend—1944.
Highest Percentage—.924, Dorothy Schroeder, South Bend—1943.
Most Chances Accepted—563, Dorothy Schroeder, South Bend—1944.
Most Putouts—253, Dorothy Schroeder, South Bend—1944.
Most Assists—356, Dorothy Wind, Racine—1943.
Most Errors—79, Dorothy Wind, Racine—1943.
Most Double Plays—31, Dorothy Schroeder, South Bend—1944.

Catchers

Most Games Played—110, Ruth Lessing, Fort Wayne; Mary Baker, South Bend—1945.
Highest Percentage—.982, Ruth Lessing, Fort Wayne—1945.
Most Chances Accepted—717, Ruth Lessing, Fort Wayne—1945.
Most Putouts—634, Ruth Lessing, Fort Wayne—1945.
Most Assists—117, Dorothy Maguire, Milwaukee—1944.
Most Errors—47, Dorothy Maguire, Milwaukee—1944.
Most Passed Balls—23, Irene Hickson, Racine—1944.
Most Double Plays—14, Irene Hickson, Racine—1945.

Outfielders

Most Games Played—116, Edythe Perlick, Racine—1944.
Highest Percentage—.993, Josephine Lenard, Rockford—1945.
Most Chances Accepted—243, Twila Shively, Grand Rapids—1945.
Most Putouts—234, Twila Shively, Grand Rapids—1945.
Most Assists—31, Rose Gacioch, Rockford—1945.
Most Errors—19, Clara Schillace, Racine—1943.
Most Double Plays—7, Josephine D'Angelo, South Bend—1943.

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1 • TEAM HARMONY . . . is in evidence as the roster crows. "Key" players at the piano are Edie Perlick and Chaperone Mildred (Willie) Wilson. Lending with the lungs, from left to right, are: Betty Emry, Sophie Kurys, Irene Hickson, Marnie Danhauser, Dodie Barr, Jane Jacobs, Anna May Hutchison, Janet Jacobs, Joanne Winter and Mary Crews.

2 • TO A TEE . . . Marnie Danhauser is a stylist at any sport and golf finds her right in the swing of things.

3 • IRISH EYES . . . are often smiling but in this rare moment Manager Leo Murphy is trying to explain to Maddy English how they can stage a Boston "tea party" in Racine.

4 • FLOORED . . . by the newspaper account of the Belles' latest victory is Anna May Hutchison, picking up a little dirt.

5 • TAKING THEIR CUES . . . from trick shot Edie Perlick, other pool Belles, left to right, are Anna May Hutchison, Marnie Danhauser, Betty Emry.

6 • THAT'S THE TICKET . . . says Secretary of the Manufacturer's Association Bill Stansil, as special ducat sales are checked by, left to right, Joanne Winter, Jane Jacobs, Dodie Barr and Mary Crews.

7 • INTO THE SWIM . . . and making quite a splash in local society is Clare Schillace, under the eager guidance of her steering committee, left to right, Anna May Hutchison, Jane Jacobs, Janet Jacobs and Betty Emry. Lending approval in the left background are, left to right: Dodie Barr, Edie Perlick and Mary Crews.

8 • ON THE AIR . . . as Joanne Winter holds out her paws for station identification and Marnie Danhauser, Janet Jacobs and Willie Wilson stand "pat" for the "mike."

9 • SHAPE AHOY . . . says Marnie Danhauser, bobbing up with one of her dry remarks and proving that she knows how to strike out for herself in a swimming pool.

10 • RHUMBA RHYTHM . . . gets a severe shaking up at the hands of Betty Emry while Mary Crews just rattles along in the rhumba seat.

11 • BATTERS ON DECK . . . as the infield plays close to the vest. The Queens holding the Aces are, left to right: Mary Crews, Dodie Barr, Irene Hickson, Sophie Kurys and (back to camera) Jane Jacobs. Kibitzers, left to right: Betty Emry, Edie Perlick, Janet Jacobs, Marnie Danhauser, Anna May Hutchison and Joanne Winter.

12 • TUNING UP . . . for another victory is Mary Crews, while lending an ear at the left are Anna May Hutchison, Betty Emry, Edie Perlick. And checking the weather forecast at the right are Dodie Barr and Jane Jacobs.

13 • RING OUT . . . wild Belles. Irene Hickson (extreme left) throttles the mike with her bare hands while Jane Jacobs, Sophie Kurys, Anna May Hutchison and Marnie Danhauser give radio listeners a dose of ether.

14 • BELLES AT ST. MARY'S . . . bring a word of cheer to hospitalized bat-boy, Craig Sauld. Giving out with the bedside manner (at extreme left corner): Anna May Hutchison. Standing up with a sick friend, left to right or clockwise: Edie Perlick, Irene Hickson, Willie Wilson, Manager Leo Murphy, Dodie Barr, Joanne Winter, Marnie Danhauser, Business Manager Edna Christensen and (seated) Janet Jacobs.

15 • BATTING ORDER . . . for a picnic lunch is checked by Chaperone Willie Wilson and Manager Leo Murphy as Betty Emry (left) and Anna May Hutchison wait for their turn at the "plate."

16 • BATHING SUITS . . . these Racine Belles to the very last drop. Clara Schillace walks the plank as Marnie Danhauser bobs up to ask if this "drip" is really necessary.

17 • A SHORT STOP . . . . is just a pain in the neck on the putting green, thinks Sophie Kurys, as her "bunt" hangs on the lip. Edie Perlick (extreme left) calls for a slide, Janet Jacobs (center) bites her own lip and Marnie Danhauser (right) gives the pellet her famous "evil eye."



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18 • RAIL BIRDS . . . in their finer feathers are Irene Hickson (left) and Maddy English, flashing their best Sunday smiles.

19 • NO! NO! NO! . . . a thousand times no, says Joanne Winter as Business Manager Edna Christensen tells her she ought to be in pictures.

20 • SPRING IS HERE . . . but there's nothing spring "bored" in the expressions of Chaperone Willie Wilson and Marnie Danhauser, while Betty Emry muggs in approved fashion at the right.

21 • STILL LIFE . . . in the old gals yet. These cultured Belles, left to right, Edie Perlick, Janet Jacobs and Jane Jacobs dabble in art at the Wustum Museum and learn how to give opposing teams "the brush."

22 • SHOO SHOO BABY . . . is not Mary Crews as the shoeless shugar from Chattanooga puts her best feet forward in a tennis match with Joanne Winter and proves that she is a brave girl to face Winter in her bare tootsies.

23 • DRINK TO ME . . . only with thine eyes, says beauteous Clara Schillace as two cute little squirts get together at Horlick Field. N-i-i-i-c-e.

24 • SOUP IS ON . . . hopes Anna May Hutchison (right) as she subdues those gnawing pangs of hunger for the edification of Business Manager Edna Christensen (left) and Chaperone Willie Wilson.

25 • THE EYES HAVE IT . . . as (left to right) Dodie Barr looks quizzical, Sophie Kurys is horrified and Eleanor Dapkus says: "Pleased to meet you Horrified."

26 • THAR' SHE BLOWS . . . is the cry as Clara Schillace comes up for air, to the amazement of Willie Wilson and Marnie Danhauser (seated) and to the amusement of the standees in the rear, (left to right): Anna May Hutchison, Sophie Kurys, Joanne Winter, Maddy English, Dodie Barr, Betty Emry, Edie Perlick and Mary Crews.

27 • STATUESQUE BEAUTY . . . is in evidence as Joanne Winter visits Wustum Museum before her departure for Phoenix and gets a tip from the elephant on how to pack a trunk.

28 • SHORT SHIRT STORY . . . is provided by two blonde Belles who head for their sports in shorts, in the persons of Edie Perlick (left) and Betty Emry.

29 • IT'S A RACQUET . . . claims Mary Crews (left) as Joanne Winter convinces her that in the game of tennis it is the net results that count.

30 • BEHIND THE 8-BALL . . . is just where these Belles are conspiring to place the other teams in the All-American League. Left to right and flashing their ivories are Anna May Hutchison, Marnie Danhauser and Betty Emry.

31 • DRUMMING UP . . . a few more wins for the Belles is Mary Crews and helping her to set the "traps" for the opposition are, (left to right): Marnie Danhauser and Jane Jacobs (in profile), Betty Emry, Janet Jacobs (salaaming the base drum), Joanne Winter (partly hidden), Anna May Hutchison and Edie Perlick.

32 • NOT A FLASH . . . . in the pan but as pretty as a picture is the popular and personable Chaperone of the Belles, lovely Willie Wilson.

33 • RIGHT ON EDGE . . . of both the swimming pool and hysterics are (left to right) Sophie Kurys, Joanne Winter and Maddy English, while (at lower right) Marnie Danhauser prepares to take a "nose" dive.

34 • STEPPING STONES . . . to success in the All-American League are demonstrated by Edie Perlick (left) and Anna May Hutchison, as they cement friendly relations with a few concrete suggestions.

35 • GOODBYE . . . cruel world, screams Mary Crews, on one of her infrequent trips to the "showers" with the gleeful assistance of "pallbearers" Betty Emry and Anna May Hutchison, while Clara Schillace (right) registers uncontrolable grief in the role of chief mourner.


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HIGHLIGHTS

OF 1945

MAY 23 • In the opening game of the season versus Rockford, which the Belles lost 9-5 after the Peaches scored 5 runs in the ninth inning, Eleanor Dapkus rapped out four singles and drew a walk in five trips to the platter.

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MAY 27 • As the Belles beat Rockford 4-2, Sophie Kurys got three walks and one hit in four trips, stole six bases and scored three of Racine's four runs. Eleanor Dapkus continued her hitting streak to register 7 safeties in 11 times at bat in the first three games of the season.

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MAY 30 • In the first game of a split doubleheader on Memorial Day, Jane Jacobs won her own game with a home run, her first in the All-American League and first of the season for the Belles, winning the game 3-1 and a $25.00 War Savings Bond for authoring the first four-ply swat of the season.

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MAY 30 • Maddy English had a big day at third base against Kenosha when she was credited with 12 assists and handled 15 chances with only one error in the first game.



OUTER GARDEN—The gals that "go and get 'em" when the opposition is at bat. The Belles regular outfield trio throughout three seasons has been, left to right: Clara Schillace (center field), Eleanor Dapkus (right field) and Edie Perlick (left field).

After four games, Eleanor Dapkus was leading the league with a bat average of .571 and Sophie Kurys had 11 stolen bases.

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JUNE 3 • After being rained out for three straight days, Racine lost a wierd doubleheader at Grand Rapids in 35 degree temperature. With the nightcap tied 4-4 and the bases loaded with Chicks, the Racine club pulled off a fast double play to apparently retire the side, only to have an umpire reverse a decision to cost them the game.

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JUNE 6 • Edie Perlick had a great night in left field against the Blue Sox with no less than 10 putouts on fly balls, some of them solid smacks labelled for extra bases.

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JUNE 7 • The Belles suffered one of those nightmare innings while leading the South Bend Blue Sox 2-0 in the fourth with Jo Winter on the mound. She retired the first batter — and then — Stefani tripled, Mahon was safe on an error at shortstop and before it was over, every Blue Sox player had scored at least once and Mahon had crossed the plate twice. Ten runs, eight hits, three errors. Final score: 15-3.

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JUNE 8 • The Blue Sox enjoyed a big 7-run inning to beat the Belles 9-3 and ironically might not have scored at all had Racine detected the fact that the Sox batted out of order to start the inning. Gertie Ganote was the rightful hitter to start the inning but the Sox sent Marge Stefani to bat and went on to blast six hits and score seven runs without a protest being lodged in time to discount the effort.

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JUNE 10 • Eleanor Dapkus was leading the league in batting with a sensational mark of .482 in 16 games. During the week of June 3 to 10 she had 12 hits in 23 times at bat for a .522 clip. Sophie Kurys was clinging to the stolen base lead with 15.

JUNE 12 • Jo Winter lost a tough one in one of those oddities where the opposition got only two hits but scored four runs. South Bend was the team and Nelda Bird held the Belles to a two-hit total. Catcher Bonnie Baker was credited with 15 of the game's 27 putouts for South Bend, six on pop flies and nine on Bird's strike-out total.

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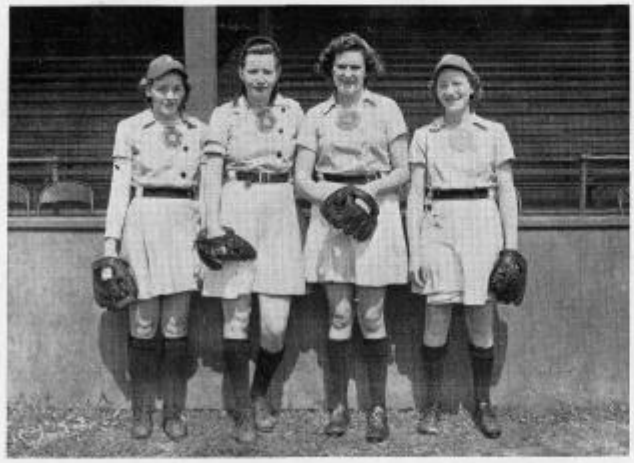
JUNE 19 • In the eighth inning of a game with the Kenosha Comets and trailing 2-0, the Belles put on one of the greatest bunting sprees ever seen in the league. Emry beat out a bunt to the pitcher, Crews got a solid hit and English beat out a bunt to fill the bases. Schillace beat out a bunt, scoring Emry and Crews and English scored after a wild throw. Kurys rolled out another safe bunt and Hickson dropped a perfect one in front of the plate. Five runs on six hits, with five of the hits being safe bunts.

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JUNE 24 • In the opening game of a twin bill against Fort Wayne, Clara Schillace rapped out a homer with the sacks loaded, the second round-tripper of the season by a Racine player. In the first inning, English singled, stole second and scored on a single by Dapkus. Perlick survived on an error and Hickson was hit by the pitcher to set the stage for Clara's telling blow against Dottie Wiltse, a blast down the left field line.

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JUNE 24 • Dodie Barr had won something of a reputation for wildness, but you would never have known it on this date when she pitched a seven-inning game without issuing a single pass and giving up only four hits—but she still lost 2-1 to Annabelle Lee and the Daisies.



ON THE HILL—The Belles pitching staff of 1945 included, left to right: Doris Barr, 20-game-winner; Mary Nesbitt Crews, 16-game-winner; Joanne Winter and Jane Jacobs.

JUNE 28 • Sophie Kurys got four hits in five trips to the plate in a game against the Kenosha Comets, including a two-bagger.

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JUNE 29 • A thriller was played at Kenosha between the Belles and the Comets with Jo Winter and Mary Pratt as the rival pitchers. Racine got only one hit and Kenosha got three. There was no score until the eighth inning when the Comets squeezed one home. With two out in the ninth and a no-hit game in her grasp, Pratt gave her one hit of the game to Dapkus to score the Belle's run. Then Kenosha eked out another tally in the ninth to win. It was to prove the only winning game for pitcher Pratt in the 1945 season against 16 losses.

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JULY 1 • Dodie Barr pitched the first no-hit game ever authored by a Racine pitcher, in the second game of a doubleheader at Fort Wayne. Dodie gave up three walks and fanned seven. More important, she won her own game with single, driving in both runs that won for her 2-0.

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JULY 2 • Racine stopped Dottie Wiltse from pitching her second successive no-hit game by the narrowest of margins. Jane Jacobs, rival pitcher, beat out a roller down the third base line in the sixth inning for the only hit of the game. Wiltse had pitched a no-hitter last time out against South Bend.

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JULY 8 • In the first game of a twin bill against South Bend, the Belles seemed hopelessly beaten going into the ninth inning on the short end of a 6-0 count. Kurys and Perlick survived on errors. Dapkus singled, scoring Kurys. Jo Winter singled to score Perlick. Marnie Danhauser's single brought Dapkus home. Mary Crews, pinch hitting, got a safety to score Winter. Dodie Barr walked. Clara Schillace hit to left to score Danhauser and Crews. Kurys got an intentional walk. Edie Perlick slammed a hit to left, scoring Barr with the run which won the game 7-6.

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JULY 12 • Superb fielding by Edie Perlick saved a game for Jane Jacobs in South Bend when the Belles got only two hits but won 2-1. In the Sox ninth, Surkowski got a single and was sacrificed to second. Bonnie Baker smashed a long drive to left center. Surkowski was almost home and Baker was steaming into second when Edie caught up with the drive to make what was described as one of the greatest running catches ever seen at Bendix Field. Surkowski was doubled off second and the game was over.

JULY 16 • An oddity occurred in a losing game at Grand Rapids which the Belles dropped 4-1, when each of the Racine outfielders, Dapkus, Perlick and Schillace, participated in a double play by catching hard line drives and doubling a runner off base.

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JULY 19 • Mary Crews gave the Chicks two hits at Grand Rapids to win a thrilling game 3-0. In the last inning, the Chicks had runners on first and second with only one out. Mickey Maguire smashed a line drive to right that looked like a sure hit. Eleanor Dapkus tore in and made a phenomenal shoe-string catch and then doubled the runner off first to end the game in spectacular manner.

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JULY 20 • The Belles made Connie Wisniewski toil for sixteen innings at Grand Rapids before yielding 2-1. Going into the last half of the eighth inning and leading 1-0, Dodie Barr had a no-hitter. Two walks and a bunt filled the bases. On an attempted pick-off, an error permitted the tying run to score. In the sixteenth, the Chicks filled the bases with two out with a hit and two walks. A wild pitch by Barr gave the Chicks the heart-breaker.

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JULY 21 • At Rockford, pitcher Carolyn Morris had a no-hitter against the Belles after eight innings. In the ninth, the Belles rapped three hits, in an uprising started by pinch-hitter Mary Crews and a wild pitch helped to tie the score at 4-4. Two hits by Hickson and Barr in the eleventh won the game for Racine 5-4.

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JULY 25 • Sophie Kurys was flashing old-time baserunning form as she ran wild against the Daisies. She stole five bases to score three of the Belles runs in a 4-3 game. Her last two runs were scored on "Kurys Specials"—a walk, two quick steals and a hit-and-run scoring play. The Belles had a total of eleven stolen bases in the game.

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JULY 26 • Sophie Kurys got all three of the Racine hits, one a double, off Betty Carveth of Fort Wayne in a game won by the Belles 2-0. Sophie stole three bases. Dodie Barr pitched seven-hit ball and gave only one walk to blank the Daisies.

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JULY 28 • Continuing her string, Sophie carried the scourge to Rockford, where the Belles won 5-2. Sophie had four hits out of five tries and stole three bases in the game.

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AUGUST 1 • The Belles had a big night knocking off the classy Peaches in a twin bill. Sophie Kurys had a homer in the first game with a mate aboard and Edie Perlick pounded out a triple with the sacks populated in the fifth inning of the finale. The scores, 4-2 and 7-3.

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AUGUST 2 • Their new lease on life under the managership of Leo Murphy had given the Belles a reputation as "giant killers" and although still in fifth place, they had knocked three teams out of first place, one of them twice. Grand Rapids, Fort Wayne and Rockford (twice) were the victims. In their recent winning streak, the Belles had won seven out of nine against the classy Peaches.

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AUGUST 3 • Edie Perlick had a big night with the stick against the Kenosha Comets with a three-run homer in the first inning and a rousing triple in the eighth, to garner three hits in five times at bat.

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AUGUST 8 • Mary Crews gained some measure of revenge for the Belles by holding the Daisies to two hits and winning 2-0, while herself driving in both runs with a clean single in the second inning.

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AUGUST 10 • The Belles almost handed Connie Wisniewski her 24th win of the season when they carried a 2-1 lead into the last half of the ninth and then blew it with four errors, which combined with three hits gave the Chicks five runs and a 6-2 victory.



INNER DEFENSE—This quintette saw the greatest service on the Racine infield throughout the 1945 season. Left to right: Maddy English (third base), Janet Jacobs (shortstop), Betty Emry (shortstop), Sophie Kurys (second base), and Marnie Danhauser (first base).

AUGUST 12 • Continuing the custom of Racine pitchers winning a share of their own games with the bat, Dodie Barr pitched a sparkling two-hitter against Grand Rapids and drove home the only run of the contest in the seventh inning to win 1-0.

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AUGUST 13 • Mary Crews and Dottie Wiltse both went the entire fifteen innings of an overtime game at Horlick Field before the Daisies won 4-2. Wiltse gave up only five hits over the route. In the game, the Fort Wayne team had 21 runners left on base and the Belles left 13 stranded for the amazing total of 34 for both teams.

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AUGUST 14 • One of those affairs that drives managers wild saw the Belles leading the Daisies 8-1 after four innings, only to have the Daisies tie it up by the end of the sixth. Then, the Belles won it all over again with a six-run blast in the seventh 14-8. A booming triple by Eleanor Dapkus with the bases loaded was the clinching blow.

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AUGUST 23 • Mary Crews did yeoman work in a doubleheader against the Blue Sox as the Belles moved within one game of fourth place. She set the Sox down with three hits in the opener and rushed to the rescue of Jane Jacobs in the seventh of the afterpiece to chill a Sox rally with the bases loaded and none out. The scores, 3-0 and 8-4. Sophie Kurys stole seven bases in the two tilts.



BACKSTOPPERS—Familiar figures behind the mask at Horlick Field during the last two or three seasons are, left to right: Anna May Hutchison who served in 1944-45 and Irene Hickson, regular catcher for 1943-44-45.

AUGUST 27 • The Belles gave a fancy exhibition of base-running against Mary Rini and the Kenosha Comets in Racine. Rini put Kurys and Schillace on base and they both pilfered two sacks, so upsetting the young lady that she committed a balk, permitting Kurys to score unmolested. When Irene Hickson hit safely and stole another base, Edie Perlick walked and Janet Jacobs beat out a bunt, nobody seemed to care any more.

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AUGUST 28 • The Belles gained a full game on the Blue Sox by beating the hapless Comets at Kenosha by virtue of a big seven-run second inning. Harney issued three walks to the first four hitters. Hickson singled. A walk forced in another run, bringing Rini in to pitch. Janet Jacobs and Maddy English both greeted her with hits and then the pitcher issued two more walks. Danhauser and Barr hit to drive in runs. Then, with the score 8-0, Helen Nicol Fox, who had already pitched against Rockford that evening, came in to quell the riot.

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AUGUST 29 • The Belles bats were silenced by Carolyn Morris of Rockford on two hits, with no Racine runner reaching second base. Clara Schillace got both the Racine singles. Marnie Danhauser furnished the only bright spot for Racine with her sparkling fielding, handling 17 chances in faultless style.

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AUGUST 30 • Little Janet Jacobs came through when she was needed most and paid dividends to the Belles when she hit a home run in the ninth inning with one aboard to give the Belles a 4-3 win over Rockford and keep the locals even with South Bend in the torrid battle for fourth place. Trailing 3-1 going into the last half of the ninth, the Belles started on a pass to Hickson. Perlick slammed a long triple to left center to score Hickson. Then Jane powdered her four-ply swat over the right fielder's head. Perlick, Schillace and Kurys all had three-baggers in the game and Barr had a double. Thus, five of the six blows off Olive Little were extra base blows, good for a total of fifteen bases.

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SEPTEMBER 3 • With a slim margin of one half game over South Bend for fourth place and a crack at the play-offs, the Belles lost three games and won only one in their final weekend of play. Only an identical showing by the Sox enabled the Belles to sneak home. The big game was won by Dodie Barr in an unusual contest. Barr held the Fort Wayne Daisies helpless while the Belles scored in the fourth when Edie Perlick drove out a three-bagger to score three runs and ice the game. The final was 7-0. Perlick had nine chances in left field and Marnie Danhauser at first base had only one in the entire game.



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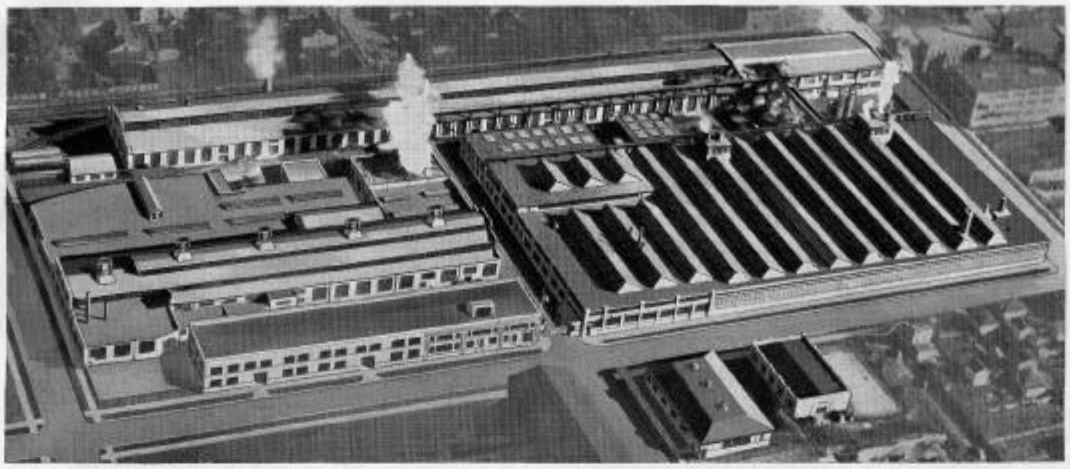
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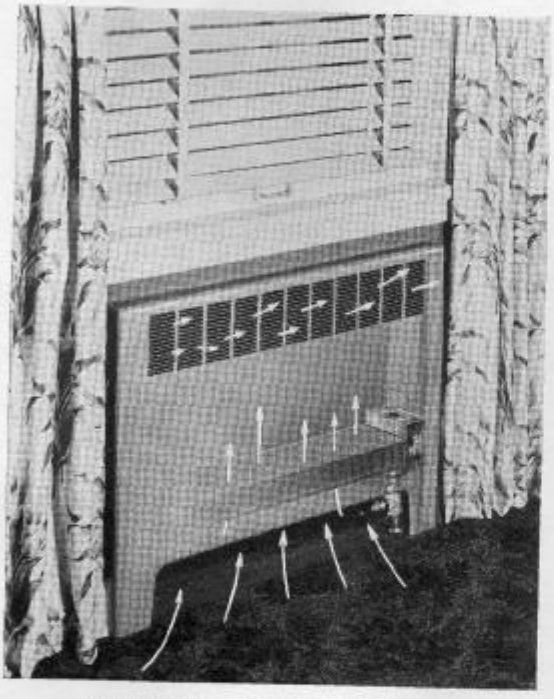
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Games at Home

May 26, Sunday ..... Rockford
May 27, Monday ..... Rockford
May 28, Tuesday ..... Rockford
May 29, Wednesday ..... Rockford
May 30, Thursday (2) ..... Fort Wayne
May 31, Friday ..... Fort Wayne
June 1, Saturday ..... Fort Wayne
June 9, Sunday (2) ..... Kenosha
June 10, Monday ..... Kenosha
June 11, Tuesday ..... Kenosha
June 12, Wednesday ..... Grand Rapids
June 13, Thursday ..... Grand Rapids
June 14, Friday ..... Grand Rapids
June 15, Saturday ..... Grand Rapids
June 19, Wednesday ..... Muskegon
June 20, Thursday ..... Muskegon
June 21, Friday ..... Muskegon
June 22, Saturday ..... Muskegon
June 30, Sunday (2) ..... Peoria
July 1, Monday ..... Peoria
July 2, Tuesday ..... Peoria
July 7, Sunday (2) ..... South Bend
July 8, Monday ..... South Bend
July 9, Tuesday ..... South Bend
July 15, Monday ..... Rockford
July 16, Tuesday ..... Rockford
July 17, Wednesday ..... Rockford
July 18, Thursday ..... Rockford
July 19, Friday ..... Fort Wayne
July 20, Saturday ..... Fort Wayne
July 21, Sunday (2) ..... Fort Wayne
July 30, Tuesday ..... Kenosha
July 31, Wednesday ..... Kenosha
August 1, Thursday ..... Kenosha
August 2, Friday ..... Kenosha
August 3, Saturday ..... Grand Rapids
August 4, Sunday (2) ..... Grand Rapids
August 5, Monday ..... Grand Rapids
August 10, Saturday ..... Muskegon
August 11, Sunday (2) ..... Muskegon
August 12, Monday ..... Muskegon
August 23, Friday ..... Peoria
August 24, Saturday ..... Peoria
August 25, Sunday (2) ..... Peoria
August 31, Saturday ..... South Bend
Sept. 1, Sunday ..... South Bend
Sept. 2, Monday (2) ..... South Bend

Note: Racine has nine doubleheaders scheduled at home and only six doubleheaders scheduled abroad.

Games Abroad

May 22, Wednesday ..... Kenosha
May 23, Thursday ..... Kenosha
May 24, Friday ..... Kenosha
May 25, Saturday ..... Kenosha
June 2, Sunday (2) ..... Rockford
June 3, Monday ..... Rockford
June 4, Tuesday ..... Rockford
June 5, Wednesday ..... Grand Rapids
June 6, Thursday ..... Grand Rapids
June 7, Friday ..... Grand Rapids
June 8, Saturday ..... Grand Rapids
June 16, Sunday (2) ..... Fort Wayne
June 17, Monday ..... Fort Wayne
June 18, Tuesday ..... Fort Wayne
June 23, Sunday (2) ..... Muskegon
June 24, Monday ..... Muskegon
June 25, Tuesday ..... Muskegon
June 26, Wednesday ..... Peoria
June 27, Thursday ..... Peoria
June 28, Friday ..... Peoria
June 29, Saturday ..... Peoria
July 4, Thursday (2) ..... South Bend
July 5, Friday ..... South Bend
July 6, Saturday ..... South Bend
July 12, Friday ..... Kenosha
July 13, Saturday ..... Kenosha
July 14, Sunday (2) ..... Kenosha
July 22, Monday ..... Rockford
July 23, Tuesday ..... Rockford
July 24, Wednesday ..... Rockford
July 25, Thursday ..... Rockford
July 26, Friday ..... Grand Rapids
July 27, Saturday ..... Grand Rapids
July 28, Sunday (2) ..... Grand Rapids
August 6, Tuesday ..... Fort Wayne
August 7, Wednesday ..... Fort Wayne
August 8, Thursday ..... Fort Wayne
August 9, Friday ..... Fort Wayne
August 14, Wednesday ..... Muskegon
August 15, Thursday ..... Muskegon
August 16, Friday ..... Muskegon
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REVIEW OF THE YEAR 1946



The 1946 League Championship Trophy and the 1946 League Pennant won by the Racine Belles.

The 1946 season was unquestionably the greatest in the four-year history of the All American Girls Baseball League, from the standpoint of the quality of the play, the individual achievements of players, the enthusiasm and support of the fans and the heated spirit of the pennant race. It was likewise, the greatest season of all for the Racine Belles, because in addition to the above attributes, it brought them the eventual distinction of being the first club in league history to win two league championships. And it was climaxed by a great and thrilling triumph in the post-season Shaughnessy playoff series, to give Racine a clean sweep of the team laurels for the season.

Starting the season with virtually the same team as that which had finished a poor fourth in a six-team league in 1945, the Belles looked like anything but potential champions in the early days of the season. But they were probably the only team which played through the season with exactly the same roster as had been assigned to the club at the spring allocation meeting. Most notable additions to the club from the standpoint of experienced and seasoned players were Lavonne (Pepper) Paire and Betty Trezza, both of whom proved invaluable as infield and utility strength as the season developed. It is hard to tell, for instance, where the Belles might have finished had it not been for the steady and inspiring play of shortstop Paire, who later became first string catcher due to injuries which sidelined Irene Hickson for the greater part of the season. In this emergency, Betty Trezza furnished top insurance at the shortstop post and this line-up, with the backing of the team veterans, eventually set the league and the fans on fire.

At the same time, the Belles started the season with an unpredictable pitching staff, with Doris Barr being the only hurler who had ever enjoyed a winning season in the All American League, with Joanne Winter, who had in two previous seasons combined won only 22 games and lost 45, and with the only remaining hopes pinned on a converted second-string catcher, Anna May Hutchison, who had never delivered a pitch in girls professional baseball.

In spite of Barr's disappointing season, it was pitching as much as any other factor which pulled the Belles into contention and then nerved them through as tough a stretch battle as the league has ever seen. The several years of hard work, concentration and preserverance on the part of Jo Winter began to pay off and she developed into the league's best pitcher, setting several new pitching records, including one for the most games won in a season. And Anna May Hutchison quickly demonstrated her pitching skill by setting the pattern for the league's side-arm pitching, turning in more low hit games than any other league pitcher and ranking among the top leaders on the hill. Between them, Winter and Hutchison won sixty of the seventy-four games by which the Belles won the pennant.

With the season one month old, on June 21, the Belles had won fourteen games and lost fifteen. They

were in fifth place, eight and one-half games off the pace of the league-leading Grand Rapids Chicks. In the next ten days, they caught fire and won eleven while losing one. This brought their mark on July 1 to 25 won and 16 lost. They were now in second place and only 4½ games behind the Chicks. But two weeks later, still in second, they trailed by five games and there was no indication that the fast-flying Chicks were going to give ground.

The Belles were not to be denied, however, and they opened a series at Grand Rapids against the league leaders on July 26 only two games out of first. Superb pitching by Hutchison and Winter in the opening games of the series brought the Belles into a first place tie. But the joy in the Belle City was shortlived, as the Chicks took a twin bill victory to regain sole possession of the lead. This might well have broken the spirit of another team but the Belles continued to win and the week end of August 3 saw the two teams virtually tied for the lead again as Grand Rapids arrived in Racine for a four game series. With Eleanor Dapkus hitting four homers in five days and the attendance setting an all-time record, the Belles won three out of four to leap into a 2½ game lead in the race and they were never headed thereafter.

With Winter and Hutchison pitching great ball, the Belles lead never went beyond 3½ games and during the late days of August, the inspired Jo pitched one record string of six consecutive shutouts and 63 consecutive scoreless innings, while Hutchison was also setting new league records for games pitched, one of them a record-breaking 19 inning 1-1 tie with Peoria.

When the Belles opened a final home and home series with the South Bend Blue Sox, Winter broke the league record for wins in one season with 33 and the battling Belles opened their lead to five games. Even then, it was nip and tuck right down to the wire. The Kenosha Comets gave the Belles a hand by knocking off the Chicks at Grand Rapids and South Bend momentarily took over second place with a do-or-die chance to tie the Belles. It was on the second to last day of the season that the pennant was finally nailed to the mast with the Belles on the top rung with a record of 74 wins and 38 losses. Grand Rapids took second place, South Bend was third and Rockford made up the other qualifying spot for the post-season Shaughnessy playoffs.

Individual players and teams alike literally tore the record books apart during the 1946 season and the Racine Belles copped their share of the honors by breaking a dozen or more all-time league records. With the caliber of play at a high level and the spirited competition at fever pitch, the fans followed suit and new attendance records tumbled all over the circuit. While Racine failed to retain the Opening Day Attendance Trophy which it had won in 1945, it did bring forth the largest crowd on opening day that had ever seen a game in Racine, a 4,528 record buster. The Belles played to a new league record crowd in South Bend on July 4 when 6,745 fans cracked the turnstiles.

The Belles drew a total of only 29,627 in the first half of the season. But after the team got hot, crowds of three to four thousand became commonplace and the climax was reached during the crucial Grand Rapids series on the week end of August 3 at the height of the Wisconsin American Legion Convention. A crowd of 5,889, an all-time Racine record, saw the Sunday doubleheader and a total of 10,056 saw the three-day series. On August 23, the club had passed its former season record with 67,432 customers and the team finally drew a total of 84,627 for the regular home season. Including the Shaughnessy playoff games which were to follow, the Belles attracted a total of 102,412 fans in 1946. Grand Rapids, meanwhile, was setting a new league record with approximately 130,000 attendance, South Bend topped 120,000 and Rockford had in the neighborhood of 110,000. In all, the league played to 754,000 fans during the 1946 season, an enviable showing for any league in organized sports.

During the season, Racine again took the initiative in attaining still another "first" in its long string of achievements in the All American Girls Baseball League by instituting play-by-play broadcasts of games at home and abroad, presented by sponsors through the facilities of WRJN, Racine. It was a great season, in which the Racine players, the Racine fans and the community as a whole further enhanced their reputation as leaders in the major league of girls baseball.



1 **1946 RACINE BELLES** • *Front row, seated, left to right:* Madeline English, Heather Black (bat girl), Clara Schillace. *Second row, seated, left to right:* Irene Hickson, Lavonne Paire, Betty Trezza, Sophie Kurys, Edythe Perlick, Betty Emry, Ruby Stephens. *Back row, standing, left to right:* Mildred Wilson (chaperone), Doris Barr, Anna May Hutchison, Margaret Danhauser, Joanne Winter, Betty Russell, Eleanor Dapkus, Thelma Walmesley, Leo Murphy (manager).

2 **1946 GRAND RAPIDS CHICKS** • *Front row, seated, left to right:* Ernestine Petras, Philomena Francisco, Merle Keagle, Alma Ziegler, Doris Tetzlaff, Yolande Tiellet. *Second row, left to right:* Twila Shively, Ruth Lessing, Thelma Childress, Elsie Wingrove, Vera Whitman, Julia Gutz. *Back row, left to right:* Betty Whiting, Josephine Kabick, Connie Wisniewski, Dorothy Hunter, (chaperone), John Rawlings (manager), Thelma Grambo, Alice Haylett.





1946 SOUTH BEND BLUE SOX • *Front row, seated, left to right:* Daisy Junor, Viola Thompson, Dorothy Naum, Marie Kruckel, Senaida Wirth, Jean Faut. *Second row, kneeling, left to right:* Inez Voyce, Marge Stefani, Joyce Hill, Betty Luna, Mary Baker, Lillian Luckey. *Back row, left to right:* Jennie Romatowski, Betsy Jochum, Phyllis Koehn, D. C. (Chet) Grant (manager), Mrs. E. E. Moore (chaperone), Mona Denton, Elizabeth Mahon.

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1946 ROCKFORD PEACHES • *Front row, kneeling, left to right:* Betty Yahr, Dorothy Cook, Lee Surkowski, Helen Filarski, Olive Little, Marge Holgerson, Dorothy Harrell, Carolyn Morris. *Back row, standing, left to right:* Bill Allington, (manager), Rose Gacioch, Dorothy Kamenshek, Dorothy Green, Dorothy Moon, Naomi Meier, Mildred Deegan, Helen Smith, Marge Wigiser, Mildred Lundahl (chaperone).

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5 **1946 FORT WAYNE DAISIES** • *Front row, left to right:* Meryle Fitzgerald, Evelyn Adams, Helen Callaghan, Marg Callaghan, Irene Kotowicz. *Second row, left to right:* Helen Rauner (chaperone), Alice DeCambra, Katherine Vondereau, Audrey Haine, Vivian Kellogg, Ellen Schallern, Bill Wambsganss (manager). *Back row, left to right:* Littie Beck, Jean Campbell, Georgia Campbell, Dorothy Wiltse Collins, Faye Dancer, Irene Ruhnke, Marge Pieper.

6 **1946 MUSKEGON LASSIES** • *Front row, kneeling, left to right:* Gladys (Terrie) Davis, Jo Lenard, Sara Reeser, Dorothy Montgomery, Margaret Wenzell, Donna Cook, Irene Applegren, Evelyn Warwyshyn. *Back row, standing, left to right:* Dorothy Maguire, Erma Bergman, Dorothy Stolze, Norma Metrolis, Arlene Johnson, Nancy Warren, Alva Jo Fischer, Charlene Pryer, Eileen O'Brien, Ralph Boyle (manager).





1946 KENOSHA COMETS • *Front row, seated, left to right:* Theresa Kobuszewski, Helen Nicol Fox, Margaret Villa, Ann Harnett, Josephine Kabick, Lois Florreich. *Back row, standing, left to right:* Shirley Jameson, Mary Carey, Lillian Hickey, Alice Hohlmayer, Ethel Boyce, Josephine Hageman (chaperone), Dorothy Schroeder, Janice O'Hara, Audrey Wagner, Janet Anderson, Fern Schollenberger, Betty Fabac, Chet Cruthers (manager).

1946 PEORIA RED WINGS • *Front row, seated, left to right:* Thelma Eisen, Mary Wood, Jane Jacobs, Terry Donahue, Mary Lawson, Annabelle Lee, Jane Stoll, Betty Tucker. *Back row, standing, left to right:* Betty Gerring (chaperone), Lillian Farrella, Jean Cione, Marion Bryson, Helen Machado, Rita Meyer, Kay Blumetta, Mary Reynolds, Mary Rountree, Johnny Gottselig (manager). *Seated, in front:* Lila Burk (bat girl). Photo courtesy of The Peoria Journal.



TEAM MANAGER . . . LEO MURPHY



Serving his first full year as a manager in the All American Girls Baseball League, after having taken over the managerial reins of the Racine Belles in mid-season of 1945, Leo Murphy earned a lion's share of the credit for guiding the local entry to the 1946 championship. Affectionately known as "Pop" to his players, Murphy capitalized to the fullest extent on his long experience in minor and major league baseball as a player and manager. He was largely instrumental in building team harmony and fighting spirit which proved a deciding factor in the pennant race and he gave Racine fans assurance of an interesting, heads-up brand of play at all times. A local light who made history with the Racine Belles, Leo will lead the Belles for the third straight year in the 1947 season.

Leo Murphy



BUSINESS MANAGER . . . WILLIAM PRIAULX

Starting his first season as business manager of the Belles in 1947, Bill Priaulx comes well qualified by experience to help in developing the promotional possibilities of the girls sport in Racine. Bill is a local boy who has been connected with the sporting fraternity and has made a special name for himself in the field of golf, where he has served as a professional at local clubs and as an organizer and director of successful golf league and tournament play. With the Belles now helping to provide other worthy youth recreation activities and athletic events in Racine, it is anticipated that the promotional ability and experience of the new business manager will prove extremely helpful in expanding the Belles operations and activities on a community-wide basis.

Willie

TEAM CHAPERONE . . . MILDRED WILSON



Like team manager Leo Murphy, the personable Willie joined the Belles organization in mid-season of 1945 and this is her third season with the Racine team. Willie is a product of Physical Education at Long Island University and is an athlete in her own right. She has played with championship softball and basketball teams on the eastern seaboard. In her capacity as chaperone of the Belles, she is responsible for the health and welfare of the players, traveling accommodations, local housing, first aid, deportment and morale. Her ability and efficiency in handling this work, her pleasing personality and her outstanding contributions toward the spirit and harmony of the playing personnel has endeared Willie to the management, the players and the fans alike.

BARR, DORIS



Bats: L. Throws: L. Height: 5 ft. 6 in. Weight: 145 lbs.
Born: 8-26-21, Starbuck, Manitoba, Canada. Residence: Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dodie is a league veteran and the 1947 season will be her fifth as a ranking pitcher in the AAGBL. When the league was organized in 1943, she came from her native Canada on the basis of a sound athletic record in that country and she worked on the hill for the South Bend Blue Sox in 1943 and 1944. The Belles obtained her services in 1945 and she proved to be their leading pitcher with a record of 20 wins in that season, including a seven-inning no-hit affair. Last year, the fates were unkind to the left-handed Dodie and a series of ailments and misfortunes resulted in a disappointing season. She practiced on control throughout the off-season and Racine fans are looking forward to a fulfillment of the promise which her natural ability has given in the past.

Year	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	ERA
1943....	32	15	13	.536	254⅓	1035	199	123	82	31	151	63	4	34	2.90
1944....	29	8	11	.421	148	491	72	61	49	11	141	62	2	18	2.98
1945....	31	20	8	.714	252	834	144	66	48	23	168	104	3	38	1.71
1946....	21	6	9	.400	119	413	77	73	51	16	109	53	4	19	3.83
Total	113	49	41	.544	773⅓	2773	482	323	230	81	569	282	13	109	2.86

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DANHAUSER, MARGARET LOUISE

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 7 in. Weight: 140 lbs.
Born: 6-9-21, Racine, Wisconsin. Residence: Racine, Wisconsin.

Five years in the All American Girls League and five years with the Racine Belles is the record of home town girl, Marnie Danhauser. The local pride has held down the initial sack for the Belles during their league operations and she quickly established herself as one of the top fielding first sackers in the business. In 1945, she led all the league's first basemen in the fielding department. Only light stickwork had kept her from being one of the real stars of the league. In 1946, her batting improved to a decided degree and she enjoyed her best season at the plate since she joined the league in 1943. Her blows became not only more frequent but more effective from the standpoint of power and her steady, all-around performance in playing every game of the schedule was a big factor in the 1946 success of the Belles.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct
1943....	61	162	18	27	31	2	1	0	6	6	8	1	21	11	.167
1944....	109	329	34	49	49	0	0	0	13	27	35	7	34	16	.149
1945....	110	335	25	31	105	0	0	0	21	12	20	3	10	20	.093
1946....	113	387	35	76	181	3	3	2	8	20	31	9	41	21	.196
Total	393	1213	112	183	366	5	4	2	48	65	94	20	106	68	.151

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DAPKUS, ELEANOR VIRGINIA



Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 7 in. Weight: 160 lbs.
Born: 12-5-23, Chicago, Illinois. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Outfielder Eleanor is still the all-time home run champion of the All American Girls Baseball League, by virtue of her 10 home runs in the 1943 season. She threatened her own mark in 1946 when she got off to a good start and during the last week in July, she hit four home runs in five days. Her season total, however, remained at eight. Always a contender for slugging honors, she tied two other league players for most three-base blows in 1946 with nine. Eleanor made a name for herself as an outstanding softball player in the Chicago area before she joined the AAGBL when it was organized and she has played throughout her entire league experience with the Racine Belles.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943....	89	309	65	68	113	6	5	10	5	25	30	3	42	36	.220
1944....	103	362	48	99	132	10	4	5	2	46	34	1	56	17	.273
1945....	100	345	26	79	225	9	2	0	7	21	46	3	37	21	.229
1946....	112	403	49	102	249	6	9	8	6	25	51	2	57	36	.253
Total	404	1419	188	348	719	31	20	23	20	117	161	9	192	110	.245



JACOBS, JANE JEANETTE

Bats R. Throws R. Height: 5 ft. 4½ in. Weight: 126 lbs.
Born: 6-16-24, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Residence: Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

It's back home again for likeable Jane who pitched for the Racine Belles in 1944 and 1945, after an absence to work on the hill for the Peoria Red Wings throughout the 1946 season. Jane is an athletic girl and shines particularly at bowling. She was this year's city bowling champion in her home town where she bowls in three leagues and she was a member of the Akron All-Star team. She won two medals this past season for bowling with 618 actual and 720 handicap, as well as the high single of 235. In addition, she likes horseback riding and rifle shooting. Two brothers, who are softball pitchers, and her father, a former baseball catcher, have encouraged and fostered her baseball career. Jane was the "fireman" of the Red Wings last season and pitched some excellent relief ball.

Year	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	ERA
1944	31	9	16	.360	230	946	251	113	72	26	65	16	1	11	2.82
1945	21	7	9	.438	125	518	137	68	40	14	30	9	0	6	2.86
1946	23	6	12	.333	164	622	147	80	39	31	63	21	2	6	2.13
Total	75	22	37	.373	519	2086	535	261	151	71	158	46	3	23	2.60

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ENGLISH, MADELINE KATHLEEN

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 4 in. Weight: 130 lbs.
Born: 2-22-25, Everett, Mass. Residence: Everett, Mass.

As smart and aggressive a ball player as you will find in the league is the spirited Maddy, who enjoyed her best season in 1946. Her stellar all-around play won her the selection on the official All-Star team of 1946, selected by the league managers for Major League Baseball Facts and Figures. Maddy will be playing her fifth season with the Belles in 1947. She comes from an athletic family and she was outstanding in various sports in New England before she joined the girls professional league. She has studied Physical Education at the Baroness Rose Posse School of Physical Education with her eye on a Bachelor's Degree in Education at Boston University. Maddy was able to join the teams in spring training in 1947 and her valuable services were to be made available from the start of the campaign.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943	101	359	69	79	87	0	4	0	9	75	33	1	23	21	.220
1944	112	371	50	45	53	2	3	0	6	65	61	4	21	37	.121
1945	99	349	33	54	142	1	1	0	17	24	43	3	16	41	.155
1946	75	257	21	55	113	1	1	1	14	39	24	1	21	19	.214
Total	387	1336	173	233	395	4	9	1	46	203	161	9	81	118	.174



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HICKSON, MAE IRENE

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 2 in. Weight: 116 lbs.
Born: 8-14-18, Chattanooga, Tenn. Residence: Chattanooga, Tenn.

The lively and aggressive Choo-Choo has been the first string catcher of the Belles since formation of the team and the league in 1943. She played a most important part in bringing the first league championship to Racine in that year. During 1946, the fates were not kind to the hustling backstop. The unfortunate death of her mother took her home to Chattanooga for several weeks and her return was marked by a painful broken bone injury which kept her sidelined again. She had no sooner resumed play than she again broke the same bone and this kept her on the bench for the balance of the season. Her injuries are reported to have healed well and her leadership and inspired play should have much to do with the Belles fortunes in 1947. During 1946, Irene set a new league record for walks in one game when she coaxed five bases on balls from Grand Rapids pitching on June 13.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943	68	193	62	54	68	4	4	1	11	68	34	4	24	16	.280
1944	85	325	52	47	48	1	0	0	10	76	35	7	9	15	.145
1945	97	318	36	55	159	5	1	0	5	39	43	4	21	33	.173
1946	46	147	34	28	59	1	1	1	3	41	39	4	12	7	.187
Total	296	983	184	184	334	11	6	2	29	224	151	19	66	71	.187

HUTCHISON, ANNA MAY



Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 7 in. Weight: 149 lbs.
Born: 5-1-25, Louisville, Kentucky. Residence: Racine, Wisconsin.

The "Cinderella Girl" of 1946 and certainly the surprise player of the year was red-headed "Hutch" from down Louisville way. Although she was a three year veteran with the Belles, she had never before delivered a pitch in girls professional baseball. However, Hutch set the pattern for the league's new side-arm pitch and she acquitted herself so well that she gained a place on the All-Star pitching staff of 1946. She pitched the first full nine-inning no-hit, no-run game ever pitched by a Racine player. She set a new league record for total games pitched in one season with 51 and she established another mark for most innings pitched in one game when she went 19 innings in a 1-1 encounter with Peoria. From second string catcher to top ranking pitcher was the saga of Hutch and she produced more low-hit games than any other league pitcher in 1946.

Year	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	ERA
1946	51	26	14	.650	288	1306	204	89	51	40	69	102	29	3	1.62

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KURYS, SOPHIE MARY

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 5 in. Weight: 120 lbs.
Born: 5-14-25, Flint, Michigan. Residence: Flint, Michigan.

A star of stars is this great second sacker of the Belles, who literally tore the record book apart in 1946 to make her fourth season with the Belles one of the greatest ever enjoyed by any individual player. Sophie set no less than five all-time league records: Most Runs Scored in One Season 117, Most Stolen Bases One Season 201, Most Bases on Balls One Season 93, Most Runs Scored One Game 5, Highest Fielding Percentage One Season at Second Base .973. In addition, she set two new records for Racine players with highest batting average one season .286 and most hits one season 112. She batted second among all players in the league in 1946, led all players in the Shaughnessy playoffs in hitting and scoring runs and climaxed her season with a thrilling scoring dash which won the final game of the series against Rockford at Horlick Field.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943	106	383	60	104	135	8	7	3	15	44	28	2	59	21	.271
1944	116	394	87	96	112	7	3	1	9	166	69	7	60	32	.244
1945	105	347	73	83	260	6	2	1	19	115	69	5	15	27	.239
1946	113	392	117	112	249	5	6	3	10	201	93	10	33	31	.286
Total	440	1516	337	395	756	26	18	8	53	526	259	24	161	111	.261

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PAIRE, LAVONNE AGNES



Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 4½ in. Weight: 140 lbs.
Born: 5-29-24, Los Angeles, Calif. Residence: W. Los Angeles, Calif.

A 1946 acquisition of the Belles, after she had played in 1944 with Minneapolis and 1945 with Fort Wayne, Pepper played as big a part as any individual in bringing championship honors to Racine. Originally slated for the shortstop position, she played a number of games at that post, but circumstances brought her versatility to play behind the plate due to misfortune and injuries suffered by Irene Hickson. Pepper's steady and experienced play, her inspirational qualities and her own fighting heart, in spite of painful personal injuries, fired the Belles to fighting pitch. She had a good year at bat as borne out not only by her average but by her extremely high ranking in the runs-batted-in column, a test of hitting ability when the chips are down.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1944	60	220	28	53	65	8	2	0	4	5	20	4	20	8	.241
1945	111	392	29	77	210	6	0	0	14	7	37	4	39	6	.196
1946	101	383	31	91	216	10	4	0	12	13	33	3	59	15	.238
Total	272	995	88	221	491	24	6	0	30	25	90	11	118	29	.222



PERLICK, EDYTHE L.

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 3¼ in. Weight: 138 lbs.
Born: 12-12-22, Chicago, Illinois. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Edie is one of the steadiest all-around players in the All American circuit, now making 1947 her fifth straight year with the Racine Belles. A veritable ball hawk, she has long enjoyed the reputation as one of the best gardeners in the circuit. She had a steady year at bat in 1946 and she hits well for distance. Like the other Belles outfielders of four year standing, she gained her early experience in Chicago softball circles and was one of the league's leading hitters in its first year of competition. Edie has saved many a game with a scintillating catch or a timely blow and the 1946 season was no exception in that respect. It was her smashing home run which virtually sealed the doom of the South Bend Blue Sox in the 1946 playoff series and she led all the league players in times at bat in the 1946 season.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943....	84	310	56	83	104	10	4	1	11	55	22	0	42	10	.268
1944....	116	423	51	97	114	7	2	2	8	52	30	6	63	9	.229
1945....	107	389	47	83	265	4	7	2	14	44	25	5	41	14	.213
1946....	112	431	72	99	228	6	8	4	8	88	37	3	56	17	.230
Total	419	1553	226	362	711	27	21	9	41	239	114	14	202	50	.233

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TREZZA, BETTY

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 2 in. Weight: 125 lbs.
Born: 8-4-25, Brooklyn, N. Y. Residence: Brooklyn, N. Y.

Real all-around insurance was afforded by Brooklyn Betty in the 1946 season, which was her first with the Racine Belles and her third in the All American Girls Baseball League. After considerable experience in softball in the Metropolitan New York area, Betty joined the Minneapolis club in 1944. She played the 1945 season with Fort Wayne and South Bend. She can play second, third or shortstop with equal agility and skill and her talents came into play at third base and shortstop for the Belles in 1946. Her batting average has been no true indication of her worth. Her natural speed and bunting ability called for her to bat second in the line-up, a position which does not afford too great an opportunity to compile fancy averages but which has a lot to do with advancing runs toward the plate. Betty showed potential power by hitting eight triples in 1946 and she drove in the run which climaxed a great victory in the Shaughnessy playoff series.



Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1944....	64	194	25	21	28	1	0	2	6	48	29	1	16	16	.108
1945....	86	276	28	31	125	2	0	0	21	14	36	0	16	36	.112
1946....	111	422	58	74	186	6	8	0	9	65	52	1	43	42	.175
Total	261	892	111	126	339	9	8	2	36	127	117	2	75	94	.141

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WINTER, JOANNE EMILY

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 7¾ in. Weight: 138 lbs.
Born: 11-24-24, Maywood, Illinois. Residence: Phoenix, Arizona.

The popular Jo made her fourth season with the Belles a standout in the records of the All American Girls Baseball League. After three disappointing hard-luck seasons, the gal from Phoenix came into her own as one of the greatest pitching stars the league has ever seen. Jo started slowly but came along to prove herself the most effective winner of the league in the final two months of the season. She set new all-time records for most consecutive shutout games pitched with 6 and most consecutive scoreless innings pitched with 63. She tied the all-time league record for most shutout games pitched in one season with 17 and she was first to set the new all-time record for most games won in one season with 33, a mark which was eventually tied by Connie Wisniewski of Grand Rapids. She easily won a place for herself on the 1946 All-Star team.

Year	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	ERA
1943.....	29	11	11	.500	200	826	201	121	57	23	47	13	1	6	2.57
1944.....	40	15	23	.395	310	1185	276	172	102	27	133	52	13	11	2.96
1945.....	34	7	22	.241	256	975	209	125	72	37	77	35	11	2	2.53
1946.....	46	33	10	.767	349	1212	199	82	46	39	132	183	14	14	1.19
Total	149	66	66	.500	1115	4198	885	500	277	126	389	283	49	33	2.31

CIONE, JEAN SHIRLEY



Bats R. Throws L. Height: 5 ft 8½ in. Weight: 143 lbs.
Born: 6-23-28, Rockford, Illinois. Residence: Rockford, Ill.

A product of the city of Rockford where she attended East Rockford High School, this seasoned young player joined the All-American Girls Baseball League in 1945. At that time, she was playing in an industrial softball league and made the All-American grade when Max Carey held a tryout camp in that city. "Cy," as she is known in baseball circles, understudied the talented Dottie Kamenshek of Rockford in 1945 but last season she played regular first base for the Peoria Red Wings. She is an exceptionally smooth fielder around the initial sack and she has also played the outfield. She brings to Racine some proven talent and ability. She has been actively interested in basketball and bowling and together with Rose Gacioch, she captured a doubles prize in the Illinois State Bowling Tournament this winter.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct
1945....	20	45	2	4	11	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	1	10	.089
1946....	106	343	32	59	135	2	5	0	12	24	42	6	23	53	.172
Total..	126	388	34	63	146	2	5	0	14	24	47	6	24	63	.162

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LONETTO, SARAH MAGDALEN

Throws R. Bats R. Height: 5 ft. 3½ in. Weight: 125 lbs.
Born: 6-9-22, Detroit, Mich. Residence: Detroit, Mich.

This newcomer to the All-American Girls Baseball League is a product of Northeastern High School in her home city of Detroit, where she played basketball, softball and tennis. She has played eight years of softball in Detroit since leaving school, two years with Rainbow Recreation in the Major League and reaching her greatest success with the Bomberettes who went a long way in the National Softball Tourney at Detroit in 1943 before they were beaten by the world champions New Orleans Jax. Sarah has played on the same Detroit team as Connie Wisniewski and has had a varied experience, covering every position except first and catching. She became interested in the All-American through Detrioter Marg Stefani and league scouts and showed well in the spring training work at Havana, Cuba. She may help the Belles pitching staff to a considerable degree.

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METROLIS, MILDRED NORMA



Bats R. Throws R. Height: 5 ft. 6 in. Weight: 133 lbs.
Born: 12-5-25, Kittering, Maine. Residence: Lake Worth, Florida.

This sturdy young catcher is no stranger to Racine fans who saw her last season in the uniform of the Muskegon Lassies. "Trolly," as she is known to her friends, is a product of the High School of Winter Park, Florida. She played ball in the Orlando, Florida City League and won the league championship with the Orlando Transits. The team of the same name on which she also played, won the city basketball championship. Trolly came into the league last spring as a catcher and saw some action in understudying Dorothy Maguire at Muskegon. This spring at Havana, she was hailed as one of the most improved of the sophomore players and made an excellent impression in practice games. She will give Racine much needed extra strength in the catching department in the 1947 campaign and Racine fans are likely to see a great deal of her work this season.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1946....	15	32	2	6	12	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	1	2	.188

Jette Vincent



VINCENT, GEORGETTE GLORIA

Bats R. Throws R. Height: 5 ft. 3½ in. Weight: 130 lbs.
Born: 7-5-28, Fall River, Mass. Residence, Fall River, Mass.

A product of St. Anne's Parochial School in Somerset, Mass., this fleet little outfielder has played with the St. Patrick's softball team of that city for the past three years. She has played on championship teams at Fall River and in addition to the outfield, she has had valuable experience at second base. Last year, she became the Junior bowling champion of the United States in the Women's National Bowling tournament held at Providence, R. I. She has two brothers who are interested in sports, one of them a soccer player and the other a baseball star. She was scouted by Frank Avery and Johnny Gottselig of the All-American and encouraged by Alice DeCambra to sign a contract for 1947. Her work will be watched with interest as the season gets under way and on the basis of her showing at spring training in Havana, we predict a bright future for the New England lass.



HEATHER (½) BLACK
Bat Girl

Below: Two Cuban bat girls hold the beautiful Esther Williams Trophy, symbolic of the Cuban championship, while looking on, left to right are: Sophie Kurys, President Max Carey, Maddy English, Helene Machado, Dodie Wilson, Mildred Baker and Betty Trezza.

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CHAMPIONS OF CUBA



The Racine Belles added still further to their laurels when they went to Havana, Cuba, in the spring of 1947 with the seven other teams of the All-American Girls Baseball League and won the round-robin tournament between all eight teams to capture the handsome Esther Williams trophy and the mythical girls baseball championship of the Republic of Cuba.

Over one hundred and fifty girl players, as well as managers, chaperones and league personnel, converged upon the Cuban capitol by Pan-American Airlines on April 21. The teams held daily morning workouts at the University of Havana Stadium and the new, modern el Gran Stadium de la Habana. During their stay, they were the rage of all Havana and when their round robin tournament started, 15,000 people jammed el Gran Stadium the first night. Additional crowds upwards of 5,000 watched on each succeeding night as the girls gave the Cubans an amazing display of this thrilling sport.

The Racine Belles and Muskegon Lassies won their way into the finals, which consisted of the best two games out of three. On Saturday night, May 4, when the first game of the series was played, the program included an exhibition game between the American rookies and a team of Cuban girls. Upwards of 20,000 crowded the spacious stands and cheered every move to the echo. The Racine Belles, with Anna May Hutchison pitching, took the opening championship game by a score of 6-0.

On the following night, due to the death of the Mayor of Havana, the games were transferred to the Tropical Stadium, outside of the city, and while the crowd was much smaller, the enthusiasm was just as great. Jo Winter pitched for Racine and in a very tight ball game, the Belles nosed out the Lassies by 3-2, thus winning the trophy and the championship. In the final game, the Lassies swamped the Belles, 12-1.

In one week of tournament play at Havana, the All-American Girls drew a total of 55,000 fans and definitely established their game in the hearts of the sports-loving Cubans. The project was considered one of the most successful training programs ever undertaken by any league.

The Belles and the Lassies were the last teams to leave Cuba, arriving at Miami by Pan-American on May 5. In the following two weeks, they played 14 exhibition games in the cities of West Palm Beach, Lakeland, St. Petersburg, Daytona Beach, Orlando, Jacksonville and Tampa. The Muskegon Lassies won this series by 8 games to 6 and the teams entrained at Tampa on May 18 for their home towns.

ALL AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE BATTING RECORDS 1946

All Records compiled by Howe News Bureau, Chicago

CLUB BATTING

Club	G	AB	R	OR	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	LOB	Pct.
South Bend	112	3458	504	421	761	2298	47	35	8	126	599	756	.220
Grand Rapids	112	3446	470	343	733	2161	80	14	6	164	436	772	.213
Rockford	112	3419	409	416	726	1750	48	36	7	170	365	678	.212
Racine	113	3566	507	313	752	1733	41	48	19	108	525	785	.211
Kenosha	112	3468	373	471	707	1558	48	29	12	118	354	779	.204
Muskegon	112	3446	413	475	688	2056	57	26	3	105	347	756	.200
Fort Wayne	112	3390	374	428	623	1805	57	28	5	111	346	732	.184
Peoria	113	3421	316	499	620	1409	34	29	2	93	323	725	.181

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Ten or More Games

Name and Club	G	AB	R	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Bat. Ave.
Kamenshek, Dorothy, Rockford	107	408	78	129	220	7	1	1	11	109	39	5	22	10	.316
Fischer, Alva, Jo, Muskegon	42	97	11	30	74	5	1	0	1	1	11	0	11	7	.309
Kurys, Sophie, Racine	113	392	117	112	249	5	6	3	10	201	93	10	33	31	.286
Baker, Mary, South Bend	94	325	63	93	224	4	2	0	16	94	61	4	31	19	.286
Keagle, Merle, Grand Rapids	112	409	69	116	124	15	4	2	8	107	47	3	59	24	.284
Wagner, Audrey, Kenosha	109	392	53	110	278	15	5	9	7	37	40	6	53	29	.281
Mahon, Elizabeth, South Bend	112	399	90	110	326	7	7	1	7	114	64	2	72	15	.276
Sams, Doris, Muskegon	42	106	15	29	80	1	0	0	4	6	15	0	9	4	.274
Gacioch, Rose, Rockford	111	405	56	106	266	14	9	1	17	52	27	3	57	19	.262
Applegren, Irene, Muskegon	30	66	10	17	50	0	1	0	8	1	5	1	7	3	.258
Eisen, Thelma, Peoria	99	363	68	93	190	3	9	2	6	128	52	2	30	10	.256
Bergman, Erma, Muskegon	50	141	13	36	93	5	1	1	5	2	9	2	7	16	.255
Dapkus, Eleanor, Racine	112	403	49	102	249	6	9	8	6	25	51	2	57	36	.253
Jochum, Betsy, South Bend	110	400	64	100	316	7	7	2	12	73	44	3	63	10	.250
Dancer, Faye, Fort Wayne	110	368	56	92	257	11	5	1	12	68	52	5	43	22	.250
Wisniewski, Connie, Grand Rapids	55	136	20	34	100	5	1	0	5	7	15	2	16	11	.250
Meier, Naomi, Rockford	103	374	44	93	203	2	2	1	9	33	23	4	49	26	.249
Shively, Twila, Grand Rapids	111	409	78	101	292	9	4	1	18	75	56	2	45	37	.247
Wirth, Senaida, South Bend	107	372	65	91	255	4	1	0	28	89	61	5	27	22	.245
Paire, Lavonne, Racine	101	383	31	91	216	10	4	0	12	13	33	3	59	15	.238
Florreich, Lois, Kenosha	78	231	26	54	133	1	7	0	7	19	27	3	21	28	.234
Reynolds, Mary, Peoria	90	254	18	59	132	5	4	0	3	9	35	4	28	23	.232
Perlick, Edythe, Racine	112	431	72	99	228	6	8	4	8	88	37	3	56	17	.230
Francisco, Philomena, Grand Rapids	98	342	34	77	226	9	2	2	8	21	38	6	53	33	.225
Schollenberger, Fern, Kenosha	94	342	35	77	123	0	3	0	8	35	26	2	24	16	.225
Stefani, Marge, South Bend	112	370	70	83	299	5	8	1	13	79	80	2	53	15	.224
Harnett, Ann, Kenosha	16	58	4	13	25	3	1	0	2	5	2	0	3	6	.224
Hohlmayer, Alice, Kenosha	110	372	24	83	181	10	6	0	16	21	24	5	33	63	.223
Kobuczewski, Teresa, Kenosha	21	45	3	10	19	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	3	9	.222
Haylett, Alice, Grand Rapids	41	104	9	23	56	1	1	0	10	1	8	3	5	11	.221
Maguire, Dorothy, Muskegon	101	340	42	74	241	7	4	1	3	57	47	9	47	18	.218
Wawryshyn, Irene, 8 Kenosha-65 Muskegon	73	235	29	51	129	2	2	0	5	24	16	5	18	21	.217
Winter, Jo, Racine	51	115	22	25	60	1	3	1	7	7	24	0	12	13	.217
Rountree, Mary, Peoria	87	291	22	63	148	1	2	0	9	27	41	6	41	21	.216
Lessing, Ruth, Grand Rapids	112	367	43	79	223	10	1	1	18	20	38	10	35	52	.215
English, Madeline, Racine	75	257	21	55	113	1	1	1	14	39	24	1	21	19	.214
Callaghan, Helen, Fort Wayne	112	399	70	85	249	10	3	1	8	114	73	3	26	61	.213
Harrell, Dorothy, Rockford	88	301	34	64	155	6	2	0	21	28	28	4	26	9	.213
Deegan, Mildred, Rockford	87	272	31	58	163	6	5	2	11	11	23	2	25	12	.213
Hickey, Lillian, Kenosha	21	61	3	13	17	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	13	.213
Voyce, Inez, South Bend	104	329	31	69	243	6	3	2	4	32	64	9	43	22	.210
Wingrove, Elsie, G.R. 31-Ft. W. 7-Grd. Rpds.	38	110	10	23	47	2	1	0	3	5	5	1	7	17	.209
Montgomery, Dorothy, Muskegon	26	53	5	11	21	0	0	0	2	3	7	0	2	3	.208
Tucker, Betty, Peoria	38	48	8	10	19	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	0	12	.208
Reeser, Sara, Muskegon	110	382	53	79	257	2	2	1	16	45	62	4	39	37	.207
Luna, Betty, South Bend	48	116	9	24	81	1	3	0	7	2	12	0	12	11	.207
Wigiser, Margaret, Rockford	39	118	11	24	67	1	2	0	1	12	8	1	15	5	.203
Pryer, Charlene, Muskegon	108	381	64	77	227	9	0	0	19	45	51	11	18	33	.202
Davis, Gladys, Muskegon	58	193	22	39	138	8	0	0	8	21	23	1	31	22	.202
Surkowski, Lee, 11 So. Bend-71 Rockford	82	256	21	51	127	4	3	1	7	11	21	7	28	31	.200
Fox, Helen, Kenosha	51	100	6	20	38	1	0	0	5	2	5	2	6	7	.200
Tetzlaff, Doris, Grand Rapids	112	382	57	76	244	4	0	1	23	57	74	5	34	46	.199
Jameson, Shirley, Kenosha	104	374	62	74	153	2	3	1	9	98	68	2	9	12	.198
Villa, Margaret, Kenosha	108	355	52	70	168	5	1	3	9	44	72	4	33	30	.197
Pirok, Pauline, South Bend	21	71	5	14	30	0	0	0	6	15	5	1	2	7	.197
Stoltze, Dorothy, Muskegon	81	273	31	53	127	4	1	0	5	33	31	5	34	15	.194
Naum, Dorothy, South Bend	31	72	13	14	37	0	0	0	3	12	10	2	8	10	.194
Wood, Mary, Peoria	88	269	23	52	111	5	3	0	6	33	36	1	13	36	.193
Ruhnke, Irene, Fort Wayne	107	389	37	75	220	5	6	1	4	24	30	0	50	27	.193
Danhauser, Margaret, Racine	113	387	35	76	181	3	3	2	8	20	31	9	41	21	.196
Petras, Ernestine, Grand Rapids	112	355	38	68	192	5	1	0	34	53	31	11	34	27	.192
Kellogg, Vivian, Fort Wayne	89	324	25	62	162	6	5	0	7	8	18	2	31	15	.191
Holgerson, Marge, Rockford	61	158	17	30	50	0	0	0	8	21	4	2	7	1	.190
Kotowicz, Irene, Fort Wayne	37	121	12	23	61	3	0	0	5	9	15	0	8	4	.190
Morris, Carolyn, Rockford	49	122	4	23	47	1	1	0	5	2	14	1	11	18	.189
Callaghan, Marge, Fort Wayne	111	340	72	64	245	2	3	1	25	80	88	16	11	52	.188
Metrolis, Norma, Muskegon	15	32	2	6	12	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	1	2	.188

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Name and Club	G	AB	R	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Bat. Ave.
Lenard, Jo, Muskegon	83	273	34	51	168	5	2	0	4	60	50	3	25	19	.187
Hickson, Irene, Racine	46	147	34	28	59	1	1	1	3	41	39	4	12	7	.187
Junor, Daisy, South Bend	99	322	30	60	147	6	1	0	8	33	21	2	22	35	.186
DeCambra, Alice, Fort Wayne	101	314	21	58	117	2	0	0	13	18	28	4	11	11	.185
Machado, Helene, Peoria	73	252	13	46	91	7	1	0	1	6	11	2	14	9	.183
Ferguson, Dorothy, 21 Peoria-59 Rockford	80	235	43	43	124	0	2	0	23	39	42	8	15	27	.183
Filarski, Helen, Rockford	77	231	33	42	127	5	3	1	20	23	43	3	23	14	.182
Farella, Lillian, Peoria	55	138	8	25	52	1	0	0	1	12	14	4	13	28	.181
Harney, Elise, 3 Kenosha-30 Ft. Wayne	34	89	8	16	53	0	0	0	2	0	12	1	10	11	.180
Whiting, Betty, Grand Rapids	112	374	41	67	216	8	1	0	10	27	34	0	24	34	.179
Overleese, Jo, 16 Muskegon-38 Peoria	54	174	13	31	116	4	1	0	5	6	25	7	15	21	.178
Abbott, Velma, 30 Ken.-8 Peoria-22 Rkfd	60	169	15	30	75	0	2	0	12	15	11	1	5	15	.178
Faut, Jean, South Bend	101	344	37	61	186	2	2	2	20	38	58	5	40	21	.177
Trezza, Betty, Racine	111	422	58	74	186	6	8	0	9	65	52	1	43	42	.175
Pieper, Marge, Fort Wayne	83	289	22	50	144	8	4	1	8	14	18	2	24	18	.173
Anderson, Janet, Kenosha	36	75	5	13	40	0	2	0	5	2	10	0	2	12	.173
Cione, Jean, Peoria	106	343	32	59	135	2	5	0	12	24	42	6	23	53	.172
Yahr, Betty, Rockford	22	76	11	13	46	1	1	0	9	2	12	1	8	12	.171
Meyer, Rita, Peoria	103	339	26	57	118	0	3	0	8	19	22	4	19	32	.168
Schroeder, Dorothy, Kenosha	110	334	31	56	108	3	1	0	10	24	54	8	14	6	.168
Kabick, Jo, 4 Grd. Rpds.-36 Kenosha	40	114	5	19	37	2	0	0	9	0	2	1	3	8	.167
Moon, Dorothy, Rockford	18	30	2	5	17	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	6	.167
Emry, Betty, Racine	36	85	11	14	33	0	0	0	4	6	17	0	5	14	.165
Johnson, Arlene, Muskegon	112	383	35	64	211	5	6	0	9	38	35	7	31	67	.163
Schillace, Clare, Racine	98	310	40	50	97	2	4	0	6	21	47	3	18	31	.161
Koehn, Phyllis, South Bend	48	151	11	24	56	5	1	0	1	1	8	0	14	15	.159
Wicken, Betty, 11 Muskegon-17 Grd. Rpds	28	88	10	14	43	5	1	0	4	8	13	0	6	16	.159
Cook, Donna, Muskegon	78	231	18	36	99	2	3	0	10	4	20	5	14	16	.156
Warren, Nancy, Muskegon	39	116	12	18	36	1	2	0	2	3	15	0	3	14	.155
Donahue, Terry, Peoria	95	274	29	42	101	0	1	0	10	28	32	7	14	38	.153
Carey, Mary, Kenosha	103	310	32	47	113	3	0	0	19	42	17	4	20	38	.152
Haine, Audrey, 3 Ft. Wayne-27 Grd. Rpds	30	79	5	12	26	0	0	0	5	1	4	1	5	7	.152
Ziegler, Alma, Grand Rapids	101	344	60	52	173	7	0	0	17	55	65	12	27	26	.151
Vonderau, Katherine, Fort Wayne	98	289	13	43	128	2	2	0	8	4	26	2	30	28	.149
O'Hara, Janice, Kenosha	66	168	15	25	70	2	0	0	9	6	8	3	10	18	.149
Lee, Annabelle, Peoria	44	98	8	14	39	2	0	0	5	6	23	2	2	7	.143
Russell, Betty, Racine	12	28	0	4	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	.143
Heafner, Ruby, Rockford	47	128	16	18	41	1	2	0	4	6	23	1	8	24	.141
Stoll, Jane, Peoria	58	164	13	23	56	2	0	0	4	12	20	5	14	25	.140
Adams, Evelyn, 38 Ft. Wayne-1 Grd. Rpds	39	86	6	12	13	1	1	0	8	4	6	0	1	20	.140
Whiteman, Vera, Grand Rapids	16	45	6	6	11	0	0	0	2	3	6	1	2	9	.133
Barr, Doris, Racine	21	39	6	5	9	0	0	0	3	1	6	0	1	9	.128
Hill, Joyce, 16 So. Bend-5 Ft. Wayne	21	57	6	7	26	0	0	0	0	7	9	1	3	12	.123
Little, Olive, Rockford	34	74	6	9	16	1	0	0	4	1	10	0	4	7	.122
Green, Dorothy, Rockford	76	206	14	24	90	1	2	0	13	16	32	1	13	31	.116
Blumetta, Kay, Peoria	43	113	11	13	32	0	0	0	8	3	8	2	6	27	.115
Hutchison, Anna May, Racine	52	144	11	16	38	1	0	0	4	3	16	1	9	15	.111
Beare, Kathryn, Fort Wayne	24	45	1	5	9	0	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	3	.111
Bryson, Marion, Peoria	15	18	0	2	6	0	0	0	3	1	2	1	0	3	.111
Collins, Dorothy, Fort Wayne	51	113	13	12	53	2	1	0	3	2	26	0	6	34	.106
Lawson, Mary, Peoria	25	57	3	6	12	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	3	.105
Jacobs, Jane, Peoria	23	58	1	6	21	0	0	0	3	1	4	2	1	10	.103
Crawley, Pauline, Peoria	20	81	7	7	18	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	4	9	.086
Tognatti, Alice, Fort Wayne	21	45	2	3	9	0	0	0	1	2	5	0	1	24	.067
Thompson, Viola, South Bend	31	66	3	4	22	0	0	0	1	0	16	1	3	15	.061
Cook, Dorothy, 2 Ft. Wayne-12 Rockford	14	24	0	0	8	0	0	0	1	1	5	1	2	5	.000
Pratt, Mary, Rockford	14	19	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	.000
Romatowski, Jenny, South Bend	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	.000

PLAYERS IN LESS THAN TEN GAMES

	G	AB	H	Pct.
Smith, Helen, Rockford	2	6	3	.500
Schmidt, Violet, Ft. Wayne-Rockford	4	3	1	.333
Fabac, Betty Kenosha	3	7	2	.286
Wenzell, Marge, Muskegon	8	26	7	.269
Podolski, Bertha, Fort Wayne	3	9	2	.222
Arnold, Lenna, Fort Wayne	6	14	3	.214
Denton, Mona, South Bend	3	5	1	.200
Moraty, Mary, Fort Wayne	6	11	2	.182
Tiellet, Yolande, Grand Rapids	5	6	1	.167
Gilchrist, Jean, Peoria	3	6	1	.167
Terry, Betty, Peoria	8	19	3	.158
Lucky, Lillian, South Bend	8	15	2	.133
O'Brien, Eileen, Muskegon	5	18	2	.111
Leonard, Rhoda, Fort Wayne	9	21	2	.095
Roylance, Juanita, Muskegon	6	15	1	.067
Watson, Marion, Peoria	8	11	0	.000
Walmsley, Thelma, Racine	6	16	0	.000
Stephens, Ruby, Racine	7	9	0	.000
Kruckel, Marie, South Bend	5	9	0	.000
Williams, Ruth, Fort Wayne	6	5	0	.000
Hoffman, Nadine, Peoria	2	4	0	.000
Rehrer, Rita, Peoria	1	3	0	.000
Boyce, Ethel, Kenosha	5	3	0	.000
Stocker, Jeanette, Kenosha	3	3	0	.000
Butcher, Mary, Grand Rapids	1	2	0	.000
Lovett, Frances, Peoria	1	2	0	.000
Franks, Hermina, Kenosha	1	1	0	.000
Wilson, Verna, Rockford	1	1	0	.000
Measner, Hazel, Rockford	1	1	0	.000
Rini, Mary, Muskegon	2	0	0	.000
Sloan, Frances, Grand Rapids	3	0	0	.000

ALL AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE PITCHING RECORDS 1946

Forty-five or More Innings

Name and Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	E.R. Ave.
Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	48	33	9	.786	366	1322	235	71	39	30	59	79	6	7	0.96
Winter, Racine	46	33	10	.767	349	1212	199	82	46	39	132	183	14	14	1.19
Faut, South Bend	12	8	3	.727	81	277	53	20	12	10	21	21	4	1	1.32
Morris, Rockford	48	29	13	.690	356	1225	204	82	56	26	98	240	12	9	1.42
Hutchison, Racine	51	26	14	.650	288	1306	204	89	51	40	69	102	29	3	1.62
Blumetta, Peoria	26	11	12	.478	209	732	117	65	40	36	74	137	17	5	1.71
Dancer, Fort Wayne	21	10	9	.526	148	565	111	67	32	13	59	38	14	5	1.93
Keagle, Grand Rapids	6	3	2	.600	51	177	41	13	11	6	15	14	7	0	1.94
Bergman, Muskegon	35	15	16	.484	263	974	195	119	60	28	94	62	16	3	2.05
Fox, Kenosha	33	15	17	.469	231	796	147	79	54	31	147	137	2	9	2.09
Warren, Muskegon	11	4	6	.400	85	310	60	33	20	8	25	40	2	1	2.12
Jacobs, Peoria	23	6	12	.333	164	622	147	80	39	31	63	21	2	6	2.13
Emry, Racine	15	7	4	.636	91	336	65	39	22	7	24	16	11	5	2.15
Luna, South Bend	41	23	13	.639	298	1042	199	102	76	40	126	93	13	14	2.30
Collins, Fort Wayne	49	22	20	.524	357	1223	215	122	92	45	187	294	31	19	2.32
Reynolds, Peoria	13	3	9	.250	91	343	68	38	24	14	29	21	4	2	2.37
Kabick, 4 Grand Rapids-36 Kenosha	40	19	19	.500	324	1209	283	131	86	35	72	53	3	6	2.39
Florreich, Kenosha	33	9	16	.360	244	888	171	124	65	31	101	72	36	8	2.40
Deegan, Rockford	21	10	5	.667	139	496	78	67	38	15	55	47	17	5	2.46
Koehn, South Bend	39	22	15	.595	309	1140	233	132	85	41	131	64	31	5	2.48
Little, Rockford	34	14	17	.452	247	875	167	108	69	38	131	88	6	10	2.51
Kobuczewski, Kenosha	21	3	9	.250	123	473	96	65	37	18	44	56	4	4	2.71
Lee, Peoria	37	12	23	.343	266	998	233	134	81	46	71	82	8	2	2.74
Fischer, Muskegon	29	11	16	.407	224	827	171	106	69	20	131	58	9	6	2.77
Applegren, Muskegon	28	8	18	.308	197	693	134	90	61	26	126	62	4	13	2.79
DeCambra, Fort Wayne	16	7	5	.583	93	354	87	40	29	16	17	9	5	1	2.81
Thompson, South Bend	31	15	6	.714	202	781	195	104	65	37	62	14	1	4	2.90
Harney, 3 Kenosha-30 Fort Wayne	33	10	20	.333	255	966	219	143	83	42	116	61	12	6	2.93
Haylett, Grand Rapids	38	17	21	.447	297	1021	203	119	98	31	191	113	8	10	2.97
Tucker, Peoria	22	1	12	.077	125	478	108	85	47	25	64	20	1	10	3.38
Lucky, South Bend	8	2	4	.333	54	216	51	37	21	6	48	10	0	6	3.44
Sams, Muskegon	25	8	9	.471	169	632	148	109	71	21	102	31	16	15	3.78
Barr, Racine	21	6	9	.400	119	413	77	73	51	16	109	53	4	19	3.83
Haine, 3 Fort Wayne-27 Grand Rapids	30	14	11	.560	208	690	130	120	95	31	236	120	5	23	4.02
Pratt, Rockford	14	1	7	.125	69	270	79	48	37	9	38	6	1	1	4.83
Bryson, Peoria	14	0	8	.000	71	271	74	60	42	9	36	11	7	3	5.32
Moon, Rockford	15	2	6	.250	63	244	64	66	49	10	64	17	7	10	6.89

BALKS: Lee (5); Deegan (4); Koehn (3); Fischer, Tucker (2 each); Sams, Applegren, Luna, Bergman, Dancer, Morris, Wisniewski, Kobuczewski (1 each).

Less Than Forty-five Innings

Name and Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	CG	BB	SO	HB	WP	BK
Stephens, Racine	7	2	1	.667	34	27	30	2	21	6	2	6	0
Gacioch, Rockford	4	2	2	.500	34	35	26	3	20	12	7	1	0
Holgerson, Rockford	5	2	2	.500	33	18	7	3	11	8	5	0	0
Podolski, Fort Wayne	2	1	1	.500	17	12	5	2	13	1	0	1	1
Arnold, Fort Wayne	6	2	4	.333	40	37	32	4	23	1	1	2	0
Anderson, Kenosha	10	0	6	.000	36	45	49	0	30	8	0	1	0
Moraty, Fort Wayne	6	0	2	.000	28	34	24	2	22	5	0	5	0
Denton, South Bend	3	0	1	.000	13	15	15	0	4	2	1	1	0
Louett, Peoria	1	0	1	.000	7	13	12	0	2	0	1	1	2
Farella, Peoria	2	0	1	.000	4	7	8	0	6	2	3	0	0

ALL AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE FIELDING RECORDS 1946

CLUB FIELDING

Club	G	DP	TP	PB	PO	A	E	Pct.
Grand Rapids	112	70	0	23	2884	1407	207	.954
Racine	113	59	0	12	2935	1248	230	.948
South Bend	112	48	1	13	2900	1538	267	.943
Rockford	112	63	0	10	2861	1162	252	.941
Kenosha	112	48	0	10	2832	1332	276	.938
Muskegon	112	55	0	13	2830	1328	286	.936
Fort Wayne	112	49	0	26	2844	1165	290	.933
Peoria	113	62	0	24	2850	1285	304	.932

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING

Ten or More Games

FIRST BASEMEN

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Baker, South Bend	12	113	4	1	0	.992
Whiting, Grand Rapids	112	1142	29	13	50	.989
Kamenshek, Rockford	107	1019	15	16	45	.985
Danhauser, Racine	113	1123	29	21	29	.982
Hohlmayer, Kenosha	110	1186	36	25	34	.980
Kellogg, Fort Wayne	89	802	33	18	15	.979
Reeser, Muskegon	110	1120	41	27	32	.977
Cione, Peoria	100	1027	36	32	33	.971
Voyce, South Bend	104	1163	32	39	26	.968

SECOND BASEMEN

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Deegan, Rockford	42	78	41	2	6	.983
Kurys, Racine	113	295	239	15	26	.973
Holgerson, Rockford	43	66	48	5	6	.961
Whiteman, Grand Rapids	14	12	12	1	2	.960
Schollenberger, Kenosha	90	126	155	13	15	.956
Davis, Muskegon	12	21	22	2	1	.956
Ziegler, Grand Rapids	101	267	196	25	38	.949
Ferguson, Peoria-Rockford	50	103	76	11	8	.942
Stefani, South Bend	112	327	216	34	28	.941
DeCambra, Fort Wayne	48	84	51	9	7	.938
Overleese, Muskegon-Peoria	53	120	96	15	16	.936
Farella, Peoria	41	70	64	10	4	.931
Ruhnke, Fort Wayne	61	112	84	16	3	.925
Wawryshyn, Ken.-Musk.	62	125	103	21	8	.916
Warren, Muskegon	16	28	25	5	2	.914
Montgomery, Muskegon	17	29	20	5	4	.908
Abbott, Ken.-Peo.-Rkfd	16	11	20	4	4	.886
Carey, Kenosha	21	26	46	10	4	.880
(Triple Play—Stefani)						

Dancer, Fort Wayne	27	195	2	7	8	.966
O'Hara, Kenosha	10	36	0	3	0	.923
(Triple Play—Voyce)						

THIRD BASEMEN

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Pirok, South Bend	21	29	85	3	2	.974
Filarski, Rockford	70	233	202	32	13	.931
Johnson, Muskegon	112	174	277	35	17	.928
Reynolds, Peoria	54	100	143	21	7	.920
Carey, Kenosha	74	93	212	27	11	.919
English, Racine	75	124	202	30	14	.916
Donahue, Peoria	57	68	142	20	8	.913
M. Callaghan, Ft. Wayne	111	236	290	52	21	.910
Faut, South Bend	90	150	349	60	13	.893
Abbott, Ken.-Peo.-Rkfd	36	41	87	16	6	.889
Trezza, Racine	40	74	123	26	7	.883
Ferguson, Peo.-Rkfd	24	35	55	12	2	.882
Tetzlaff, Grand Rapids	112	178	264	60	18	.880

SHORTSTOPS

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Petras, Grand Rapids	112	246	354	31	22	.951
Donahue, Peoria	10	20	16	2	2	.947
Wirth, South Bend	107	160	379	42	14	.928
Schroeder, Kenosha	110	237	298	50	18	.915
Harrell, Rockford	88	146	237	39	20	.908
Trezza, Racine	67	135	146	34	13	.892
Pieper, Fort Wayne	80	161	183	43	14	.889
Meyer, Peoria	103	218	235	60	20	.883
DeCambra, Fort Wayne	22	29	52	11	0	.880
Davis, Muskegon	34	47	97	20	7	.878
Paire, Racine	38	71	72	15	7	.861
Deegan, Rockford	18	31	31	11	0	.849
Warren, Muskegon	11	14	20	7	1	.829
Adams, Ft. Wayne-Gr. Rpds	18	12	22	8	1	.810
Emry, Racine	11	18	14	10	1	.762
Stoltze, Muskegon	61	105	122	40	11	.760

(Triple Play—Wirth)

OUTFIELDERS

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Eisen, Peoria	91	155	5	4	0	.976
Florreich, Kenosha	31	37	4	1	1	.976
Schillace, Racine	98	144	8	4	1	.974
Jochum, South Bend	109	201	12	6	3	.973
Wicken, Musk.-Gr. Rpds	27	29	5	1	1	.971
Shively, Grand Rapids	111	213	15	7	5	.970
Pryer, Muskegon	108	234	17	8	3	.969
Dapkus, Racine	112	117	10	4	5	.969
Surkowski, S.B.-Rkfd	77	121	3	4	1	.969
Junor, South Bend	98	173	7	6	0	.968
Jameson, Kenosha	104	163	11	7	1	.961
Mahon, South Bend	112	133	15	6	2	.961
Francisco, Grand Rapids	98	79	16	4	5	.960
Dancer, Fort Wayne	72	112	6	5	3	.959
Tognatti, Fort Wayne	19	21	1	1	0	.957
Stoltze, Muskegon	20	40	3	2	0	.956
Wigiser, Rockford	34	37	5	2	0	.955
Sams, Muskegon	15	21	0	1	0	.955
Perlick, Racine	112	198	11	10	2	.954
Gacioch, Rockford	107	147	30	9	4	.954
Lenard, Muskegon	82	128	11	7	4	.952
Anderson, Kenosha	21	19	1	1	0	.952
Cook, Muskegon	78	95	15	6	2	.948
Wagner, Kenosha	108	174	14	11	3	.945
Meier, Rockford	101	165	8	10	2	.945
Stoll, Peoria	53	77	8	5	3	.944
Ruhnke, Fort Wayne	48	47	3	3	0	.943
Lawson, Peoria	24	27	3	2	1	.938
Keagle, Grand Rapids	105	177	23	15	4	.930
Machado, Peoria	69	81	6	7	0	.926
H. Callaghan, Ft. Wayne	112	249	20	23	3	.921
Wood, Peoria	83	160	13	15	2	.920
Kotowicz, Fort Wayne	37	31	3	3	1	.919
Wingrove, G.R.-Ft.W.-G.R.	35	37	3	4	0	.909
Crawley, Peoria	19	19	7	3	1	.897
Yahr, Rockford	23	31	1	4	0	.889
Bergman, Muskegon	13	11	2	2	0	.867
Hickey, Kenosha	17	11	1	2	0	.857
O'Hara, Kenosha	44	37	3	7	0	.851

PITCHERS

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Warren, Muskegon	11	3	35	0	0	1000
DeCambra, Fort Wayne	16	7	29	0	0	1000
Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	48	23	159	5	3	.973
Reynolds, Peoria	13	9	63	2	2	.973
Fox, Kenosha	33	32	71	3	1	.972
Applegren, Muskegon	28	20	69	3	6	.967
Lee, Peoria	37	21	93	6	4	.966
Collins, Fort Wayne	49	27	91	5	5	.959
Luna, South Bend	41	23	89	7	4	.941
Sams, Muskegon	25	19	71	6	2	.938
Hutchison, Racine	51	43	120	11	1	.937
Winter, Racine	46	26	108	9	4	.937
Jacobs, Peoria	23	4	60	5	1	.928
Faut, South Bend	12	3	44	4	0	.922
Little, Rockford	34	19	63	7	4	.921
Barr, Racine	21	17	33	5	1	.909
Anderson, Kenosha	10	3	17	2	0	.909
Haylett, Grand Rapids	38	20	86	11	3	.906
Bergman, Muskegon	35	12	126	15	0	.902
Koehn, South Bend	39	13	113	14	2	.900
Haine, Ft. W.-Gr. Rpds	30	17	61	9	3	.897
Pratt, Rockford	14	6	29	4	1	.897
Florreich, Kenosha	33	30	133	20	3	.891
Deegan, Rockford	21	6	76	10	6	.891
Fischer, Muskegon	29	16	63	10	5	.888
Dancer, Fort Wayne	21	19	69	12	1	.880
Kobuczewski, Kenosha	21	22	46	10	1	.872
Morris, Rockford	48	34	62	15	4	.865
Thompson, South Bend	31	10	46	9	1	.862
Bryson, Peoria	14	3	38	7	0	.854
Harney, Ken.-Ft. Wayne	33	22	86	19	4	.850
Blumetta, Peoria	26	15	56	13	2	.845
Tucker, Peoria	22	5	49	10	0	.844
Kabick, Gr. Rpds.-Ken	40	13	116	27	3	.837
Emry, Racine	15	4	18	5	0	.815
Moon, Rockford	15	2	13	7	0	.682

CATCHERS

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.	PB
Naum, South Bend	22	49	26	2	0	.974	4
Lessing, Grand Rapids	112	472	141	22	16	.965	24
Hickson, Racine	46	183	44	9	4	.962	1
Villa, Kenosha	97	423	59	21	5	.958	10
Green, Rockford	76	413	68	21	4	.958	7
Baker, South Bend	84	300	78	17	10	.957	5
Paire, Racine	64	306	45	16	7	.956	10
Heafner, Rockford	44	202	30	11	4	.955	3
Vonderau, Fort Wayne	98	452	70	27	8	.951	15
Beare, Fort Wayne	24	61	10	4	2	.947	9
Rountree, Peoria	86	308	74	24	7	.941	9
Donahue, Peoria	18	58	5	4	4	.940	4
Metrolis, Muskegon	15	47	10	4	1	.934	1
Harnett, Kenosha	16	55	13	5	2	.932	0
Maguire, Muskegon	101	378	100	39	13	.925	11
Hill, So. Bend-Ft. W	18	41	9	5	1	.909	2

INDIVIDUAL BATTING RECORDS

Highest Percentage

.332—Gladys Davis, Rockford—1943.

BY YEARS

1943—.332, Gladys Davis, Rockford.
1944—.296, Betsy Jochum, South Bend.
1945—.299, Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne.
1946—.316, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford.

Most Times at Bat

447—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford—1944.

BY YEARS

1943—439, Betsy Jochum, South Bend.
1944—447, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford.
1945—419, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford.
1946—431, Edythe Perlick, Racine.

Most Runs Scored

117—Sophie Kurys, Racine—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—111, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha.
1944— 87, Sophie Kurys, Racine.
1945— 80, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford
1946—117, Sophie Kurys, Racine.

Most Runs Batted In

72—Elizabeth Mahon, South Bend—1948.

BY YEARS

1943—69, Ann Harnett, Kenosha.
1944—63, Edythe Perlick, Racine.
1945—44, Rose Gacioch, Rockford.
1946—72, Elizabeth Mahon, South Bend.

Most Hits

129—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford—1946.
BY YEARS
1943—120, Betsy Jochum, South Bend.
1944—128, Betsy Jochum, South Bend.
1945—122, Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne.
1946—129, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford.

Most Long Hits (Doubles, Triples, Home Runs)

29—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha—1946.
BY YEARS
1943—26, Ann Harnett, Kenosha.
1944—19, Eleanor Dapkus, Racine.
1945—24, Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne.
1946—29, Audrey Wagner, Kenosha.

Most Singles

120—Betsy Jochum, South Bend—1944.
Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford—1946.
BY YEARS
1943—100, Betsy Jochum, South Bend.
1944—120, Betsy Jochum, South Bend.
1945—102, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford.
1946—120, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford.

Most Doubles

17—Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne—1945.
BY YEARS
1943—12, Betsy Jochum, South Bend.
1944—10, Eleanor Dapkus, Racine.
10, Pauline Pirok, Kenosha.
1945—17, Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne.
1946—15, Audrey Wagner, Kenosha.
15, Merle Keagle, Grand Rapids.

Most Triples

11—Marge Stefani, South Bend—1943.
BY YEARS
1943—11, Marge Stefani, South Bend.
1944—10, Josephine Lenard, Rockford.
1945— 9, Audrey Wagner, Kenosha.
1946— 9, Rose Gacioch, Rockford.
9, Thelma Eisen, Peoria.
9, Eleanor Dapkus, Racine.

Most Home Runs

10—Eleanor Dapkus, Racine—1943.
BY YEARS
1943—10, Eleanor Dapkus, Racine.
1944— 7, Merle Keagle, Milwaukee.
1945— 3, Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne.
3, Faye Dancer, Fort Wayne.
1946— 9, Audrey Wagner, Kenosha.

Most Stolen Bases

201—Sophie Kurys, Racine—1946.
BY YEARS
1943—126, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha.
1944—166, Sophie Kurys, Racine.
1945—115, Sophie Kurys, Racine.
1946—201, Sophie Kurys, Racine.

Most Bases on Balls

93—Sophie Kurys, Racine—1946.
BY YEARS
1943—71, Marge Stefani, South Bend.
1944—78, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha.
1945—82, Doris Tetzlaff, Grand Rapids.
1946—93, Sophie Kurys, Racine.

Most Strike-Outs

67—Arlene Johnson, Muskegon—1946.
BY YEARS
1943—62, Lois Florreich, South Bend.
1944—60, Gertrude Ganote, Kenosha.
1945—62, Dorothy Schroeder, So. Bend-Kenosha.
1946—67, Arlene Johnson, Muskegon.

Fewest Strike-Outs (100 Games or More)

3—Josephine D'Angelo, South Bend—1943.
BY YEARS
1943— 3, Josephine D'Angelo, South Bend.
1944— 6, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford.
1945— 6, Lavonne Paire, Fort Wayne.
1946—10, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford.
10, Betsy Jochum, South Bend.

Most Hits, Season—Each Club

Rockford—Dorothy Kamenshek—1946	129
South Bend—Betsy Jochum—1944	128
Fort Wayne—Helen Callaghan—1945	122
Grand Rapids—Merle Keagle—1946	116
Minneapolis—Helen Callaghan—1944	114
Racine—Sophie Kurys—1946	112
Kenosha—Audrey Wagner—1946	110
Milwaukee—Merle Keagle—1944	107
Peoria—Thelma Eisen—1946	93
Muskegon—Sara Reeser—1946	79

Champion Batter—Each Club

Rockford—Gladys Davis—1943	.332
Fort Wayne—Helen Callaghan—1945	.299
South Bend—Betsy Jochum—1944	.296
Minneapolis—Helen Callaghan—1944	.287
Racine—Sophie Kurys—1946	.286
Grand Rapids—Merle Keagle—1946	.284
Kenosha—Audrey Wagner—1946	.281
Milwaukee—Merle Keagle—1944	.264
Peoria—Thelma Eisen—1946	.256
Muskegon—Dorothy Maguire—1946	.218

Most Total Advanced Bases

336—Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne—1945.
BY YEARS
1943—None.
1944—None.
1945—336, Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne.
1946—326, Elizabeth Mahon, South Bend.

Most Runs Scored, Season—Each Club

Racine—Sophie Kurys—1946	117
Kenosha—Shirley Jameson—1943	111
South Bend—Elizabeth Mahon—1946	90
Milwaukee—Vickie Panos—1944	84
Minneapolis—Helen Callaghan—1944	81
Rockford—Dorothy Kamenshek—1945	80
Grand Rapids—Twila Shively—1946	78
Fort Wayne—Helen Callaghan—1945	77
Peoria—Thelma Eisen—1946	68
Muskegon—Charlene Pryer—1946	64

Most Runs Batted In, Season—Each Club

South Bend—Elizabeth Mahon—1946	72
Kenosha—Ann Harnett—1943	69
Racine—Edythe Perlick—1944	63
Grand Rapids—Merle Keagle—1946	59
Rockford—Gladys Davis—1943	58
Fort Wayne—Irene Ruhnke—1946	50
Minneapolis—Faye Dancer—1944	48
Milwaukee—Merle Keagle—1944	47
Muskegon—Dorothy Maguire—1946	47
Peoria—Mary Rountree—1946	41

INDIVIDUAL BATTING RECORDS

Most Runs, Game—5, Sophie Kurys, Racine, June 13, 1946.
Most Consecutive Games, Scoring Runs—11, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha, May 30-June 13, 1943—22 runs.
Most Runs Batted In, Game—9, Marg Villa, Kenosha, June 9, 1946.
Most Bases on Balls, Game—5, Irene Hickson, Racine, June 13, 1946.
Most Strike-Outs, Game—4, held by many players.
Most Base Hits, Game—6, Dorothy Wind, Racine, August 28, 1943.

INDIVIDUAL BATTING RECORDS—(Continued)

Most Consecutive Games Batted Safely—13, Mildred Warwick, Rockford, June 20-27, 1943; Elizabeth Mahon, South Bend, July 27-August 9, 1945.

Most 2-base hits, Game—2, held by many players.

Most 3-base hits, Game—3, Lois Florreich, South Bend, first game, July 1, 1945.

Most Home Runs, Game—2, held by many players.

Most Total Bases, Game—11, Marg Villa, Kenosha, June 9, 1946.

Most Total Advanced Bases, Game—23, Marg Villa, Kenosha, June 9, 1946.

Most Sacrifice Hits, Game—3, Clara Schillace, Racine, July 7, 1943; Dorothy Maguire, Grand Rapids, June 19, 1945; Margaret Danhauser, Racine, August 13, 1945.

Most Stolen Bases, Game—7, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha, July 2, 1944; Lois Florreich, South Bend, July 24, 1944; Betsy Jochum, South Bend, second game, August 2, 1944; Sophie Kurys, Racine, second game, September 3, 1944.

Most Consecutive Games, Stealing Bases—18, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha, June 14-26, 1943—39 stolen bases; 17—Shirley Jameson, Kenosha, June 25-July 7, 1944—46 stolen bases.

Most Consecutive Games, No Strike-Outs—57, Marge Stefani, South Bend, June 30-August 22, 1943.

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING RECORDS

Perfect Games (No Batter Reaching First Base)

Annabelle Lee—Minneapolis—July 29, 1944 vs. Kenosha.

Carolyn Morris—Rockford—July 6, 1945 vs. Fort Wayne.

No-Hit, No-Run Games

9 Innings

Helen Nicol—Kenosha—September 4, 1944 vs. Racine.

Carolyn Morris—Rockford—September 6, 1944 vs. South Bend.

Annabelle Lee—Fort Wayne—July 7, 1945 vs. Grd. Rapids.

Dorothy Wiltse—Fort Wayne—June 29, 1945 vs. Rockford.

Dorothy Wiltse—Fort Wayne—July 15, 1945 vs. So. Bend.

Elise Harney—Kenosha—June 14, 1945 vs. Fort Wayne.

Olive Little—Rockford—July 10, 1945 vs. Fort Wayne.

Betty Luna—South Bend—Aug. 6, 1945 vs. Grd. Rapids.

Anna May Hutchison—Racine—July 10, 1946 vs. Kenosha.

7 Innings

Olive Little—Rockford—Aug. 15, 1943 vs. South Bend.

Audrey Haine—Minneapolis—Aug. 26, 1944 vs. Kenosha.

Carolyn Morris—Rockford—Aug. 6, 1944 vs. Milwaukee.

Doris Barr—Racine—July 1, 1945 vs. Fort Wayne.

Charlotte Armstrong—South Bend—Aug. 21, 1945 vs. Grd. Rapids.

Betty Luna—South Bend—July 14, 1946 vs. Fort Wayne.

Carolyn Morris—Rockford—Aug. 4, 1946 vs. Peoria.

Irene Applegren—Muskegon—July 31, 1946 vs. Grd. Rapids.

6 Innings

Audrey Haine—Fort Wayne and Helen Nicol Fox— Kenosha—a six-inning double no-hit game on June 15, 1945, called account of rain.

No-Hit Games

Elise Harney—Kenosha—July 22, 1944 vs. Racine—no hits in nine innings but allowed two runs.

Mary Pratt—Rockford and Kenosha—June 14, 1944 vs. Minneapolis—no hits in seven innings but allowed one run.

Olive Little—Rockford—June 10, 1943 vs. Kenosha—no hits in nine innings but allowed two runs.

Most Innings Pitched in Game

19—Anna May Hutchison, Racine—August 20, 1946 vs. Peoria.

Most Runs off Pitcher in Game

19—Martha Walker, Racine—June 19, 1943 vs. So. Bend.

Most Hits off Pitcher in Game

19—Olive Little, Rockford—June 18, 1945 vs. So. Bend.

Most Consecutive Games Won

13—Helen Nicol, Kenosha—1943.

Most Consecutive Games Lost

10—Catherine Bennett, Kenosha and South Bend—1943.

Most Consecutive Shutout Games

6—Joanne Winter, Racine—1946.
August 17, vs. Muskegon (9 innings); August 19 vs. Peoria (9 innings); August 21 vs. Peoria (7 innings); August 24 vs. Muskegon (9 innings); August 26 vs. Ft. Wayne (9 innings); August 28 vs. So. Bend (9 innings).

Most Bases on Balls in Game

21—Martha Walker, Racine—June 19, 1943 vs. So. Bend.

Most Strike-Outs in Game

16—Dorothy Wiltse Collins, Fort Wayne—June 7, 1946 vs. Peoria.

Most Consecutive Scoreless Innings

63—Joanne Winter, Racine—1946.
August 4 vs. Muskegon—8; August 17 vs. Muskegon—9; August 19 vs. Peoria—9; August 21 vs. Peoria—7; August 24 vs. Muskegon—9; August 26 vs. Ft. Wayne—9; August 28 vs. So. Bend—9; August 30 vs. South Bend—3.

Most Complete Games, Season

40—Helen Nicol Fox, Kenosha—1945.
Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha	33
1944—Mary Nesbit Crews, Racine	37
1945—Helen Nicol Fox, Kenosha	40
1946—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	40

Most Games Pitched, Season

51—Anna May Hutchison, Racine—1946.

1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha; Margaret Berger, South Bend; Mary Nesbit, Racine	47
1944—Josephine Kabick, Milwaukee; Mary Nesbit Crews, Racine	45
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids; Dorothy Wiltse, Fort Wayne; Helen Nicol Fox, Kenosha; Charlotte Armstrong, South Bend	46
1946—Anna May Hutchison, Racine	51

Most Innings Pitched, Season

391—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1945.

BY YEARS

1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha	348
1944—Josephine Kabick, Milwaukee	366
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	391
1946—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	366

Most Runs off Pitcher, Season

177—Clara Cook, Rockford and Kenosha—1943.

BY YEARS

1943—Clara Cook, Rockford-Kenosha	177
1944—Joanne Winter, Racine	172
1945—Charlotte Armstrong, South Bend	137
1946—Elise Harney, Kenosha-Fort Wayne	143

Most Earned Runs off Pitcher, Season

124—Audrey Haine, Minneapolis—1944.

BY YEARS

1943—Muriel Coben, South Bend-Rockford	102
1944—Audrey Haine, Minneapolis	124
1945—Elise Harney, Kenosha	87
1946—Alice Haylett, Grand Rapids	98

Lowest Earned Run Average, Season

0.81—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha	1.81
1944—Helen Nicol, Kenosha	0.93
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	0.81
1946—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	0.96

Most Hits off Pitcher, Season

283—Josephine Kabick, Grd. Rapids-Kenosha—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Elise Harney, Kenosha	282
1944—Josephine Kabick, Milwaukee	270
1945—Charlotte Armstrong, South Bend	280
1946—Josephine Kabick, Grd. Rapids-Kenosha	283

Highest Percentage Games Won, Season

.795—Helen Nicol, Kenosha—1943 (Won 31, Lost 8).

BY YEARS

1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha (Won 31, Lost 8).....	.795
1944—Connie Wisniewski, Milw. (Won 23, Lost 10)...	.697
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grd. Rpds. (Won 32, L. 11)	.744
1946—Connie Wisniewski, Grd. Rpds. (Won 33, L. 9)	.786

Most Games Won, Season

33—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1946.
Joanne Winter, Racine—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha.....	31
1944—Josephine Kabick, Milwaukee.....	26
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids.....	32
1946—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids.....	33
Joanne Winter, Racine.....	33

Most Games Lost, Season

23—Joanne Winter, Racine—1944.
Annabelle Lee, Peoria—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Elise Harney, Kenosha.....	19
Marjorie Peters, Rockford.....	19
1944—Joanne Winter, Racine.....	23
1945—Charlotte Armstrong, South Bend.....	22
Joanne Winter, Racine.....	22
Elise Harney, Kenosha.....	22
1946—Annabelle Lee, Peoria.....	23

Most Shutout Games, Season

17—Dorothy Wiltse, Fort Wayne—1945.
Joanne Winter, Racine—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha.....	8
1944—Carolyn Morris, Rockford.....	11
1945—Dorothy Wiltse, Fort Wayne.....	17
1946—Joanne Winter, Racine.....	17

Most At Bats off Pitcher, Season

1367—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1945.

Most Bases on Balls off Pitcher, Season

236—Audrey Haine, Ft. Wayne-Grd. Rpds.—1946.

Most Strikeouts by Pitcher, Season

294—Dorothy Wiltse Collins, Fort Wayne—1946.

Most Hit Batsmen off Pitcher, Season

44—Dorothy Wiltse, Minneapolis—1944.

Most Wild Pitches by Pitcher Season

38—Doris Barr, Racine—1945.

Most Balks by Pitcher, Season

6—Mary Rini, Kenosha—1945.
Nelda Bird, South Bend—1945.

ALL-TIME RECORDS

Club Batting, One Game

Most Runs Scored, One Club—26, Racine vs. Grand Rapids, June 13, 1946.
Most Hits—19, Kenosha vs. Rockford, June 11, 1943; South Bend vs. Rockford, June 18, 1945.
Most Doubles—8, Rockford vs. Racine, June 22, 1945.
Most Triples—4, Racine vs. Rockford, July 8, 1943.
Most Home Runs—3, Racine vs. Rockford, July 8, 1943; Minneapolis vs. Milwaukee, July 2, 1944; Minneapolis vs. Kenosha, July 29, 1944.
Most Stolen Bases—24, Racine vs. Minneapolis, June 7, 1944.
Most Bases on Balls—23, South Bend vs. Racine, June 19, 1943.
Most Strikeouts—16, Peoria vs. Ft. Wayne, June 7, 1946.
Most Left on Bases—17, So. Bend vs. Minneapolis, July 31, 1944.
Most Errors—12, Rockford vs. Racine, August 17, 1943.
Most Consecutive Games Won—13, Grand Rapids, May 22-June 3, 1946.
Most Consecutive Games Lost—10, Kenosha, June 16-24, 1945.
Most Double Plays—4, South Bend vs. Kenosha, June 22, 1945; Racine vs. Grand Rapids, July 16, 1945.

Club Batting Season

Highest Percentage—.246, Racine—1943.
Most Times at Bat—3711, Minneapolis—1944.
Most Runs Scored—611, Racine—1943.
Fewest Runs Scored—262, Kenosha—1945.
Most Runs by Opponents—581, Minneapolis—1944.
Fewest Runs by Opponents—284, Fort Wayne—1945.
Most Hits—865, Racine—1943.
Fewest Hits—553, Kenosha—1945.
Most Doubles—80, Grand Rapids—1946.
Most Triples—59, Kenosha—1943.
Most Home Runs—24, Racine—1943.
Most Runs Batted In—434, Racine—1943.
Fewest Runs Batted In—170, Kenosha—1945.
Most Total Advanced Bases—2298, South Bend—1946.

ALL-TIME RECORDS

Individual Fielding, Season

First Basemen

Most Games Played—116, Johanna Hageman, So. Bend—1944.
Highest Percentage—.989, Betty Whiting, Grand Rapids—1946.
Most Chances Accepted—1254, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford—1944.
Most Putouts—1215, Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford—1944.
Most Assists—41, Sara Reeser, Muskegon—1946.
Most Errors—39, Inez Voyce, South Bend—1946.
Most Double Plays—50, Betty Whiting, Grd. Rpds.—1946

Second Basemen

Most Games Played—116, Sophie Kurys, Racine; Marge Stefani, South Bend—1944.
Highest Percentage—.973, Sophie Kurys, Racine—1946.
Most Chances Accepted—573, Alma Ziegler, Milw.—1944.
Most Putouts—361, Alma Ziegler, Milwaukee—1944.
Most Assists—252, Marge Stefani, South Bend—1943.
Most Errors—40, Marge Stefani, South Bend—1944.
Most Double Plays—38, Alma Ziegler, Grd. Rpds.—1946.

Third Basemen

Most Games Played—112, Doris Tetzlaff, Grand Rapids; Arlene Johnson, Muskegon—1946.
Highest Percentage—.928, Arlene Johnson, Muskegon—1946.
Most Chances Accepted—537, Doris Tetzlaff, Grand Rapids—1945.
Most Putouts—236, Marge Callaghan, Ft. Wayne—1946.
Most Assists—368, Doris Tetzlaff, Grand Rapids—1945.
Most Errors—78, Madeline English, Racine—1943.
Most Double Plays—21, Marge Callaghan, Ft. Wayne—1946.

Shortstops

Most Games Played—116, Dorothy Schroeder, South Bend—1944.
Highest Percentage—.951, Ernestine Petras, Grand Rapids—1946.
Most Chances Accepted—600, Ernestine Petras, Grand Rapids—1946.
Most Putouts—253, Dorothy Schroeder, South Bend—1944.
Most Assists—379, Senaida Wirth, South Bend—1946.
Most Errors—79, Dorothy Wind, Racine—1943.
Most Double Plays—31, Dorothy Schroeder, So. Bend—1944.

Catchers

Most Games Played—112, Ruth Lessing, Grd. Rpds.—1946.
Highest Percentage—.982, Ruth Lessing, Ft. Wayne—1945.
Most Chances Accepted—717, Ruth Lessing, Ft. Wayne—1945.
Most Putouts—634, Ruth Lessing, Fort Wayne—1945.
Most Assists—141, Ruth Lessing, Grand Rapids—1946.
Most Errors—Dorothy Maguire, Milwaukee—1944.
Most Passed Balls—24, Ruth Lessing, Grd. Rpds.—1946.
Most Double Plays—16, Ruth Lessing, Grd. Rpds.—1946.

Outfielders

Most Games Played—116, Edythe Perlick, Racine—1944.
Highest Percentage—.993, Josephine Lenard, Rockford—1945.
Most Chances Accepted—269, Helen Callaghan, Ft. Wayne—1946.
Most Putouts—249, Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne—1946.
Most Assists—31, Rose Gacioch, Rockford—1945.
Most Errors—23, Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne—1946.
Most Double Plays—7, Josephine D'Angelo, So. Bend—1943.

THE SHAUGHNESSY PLAYOFFS



For the second successive year, the league champion also copped the Shaughnessy play-off crown, when the Racine Belles, duplicating the feat of the 1945 champion Rockford Peaches, went all the way in the post-season series to win double laurels. The Shaughnessy play-off series of 1946 proved a fitting climax to a thrill-packed season in the All American and brought forth a great display of heroic pitching, fielding and hitting feats on the part of the participating teams and players.

The Racine Belles touched off their slam-bang season by defeating the South Bend Blue Sox three games to one and then taking the Rockford Peaches four games to two. The first series game for Racine was a seventeen-inning thriller with the Sox which they won 3-2 and the last and clinching game was a sixteen inning hair-raiser won by the Belles from the Peaches by a 1-0 score.

The fourth place Peaches reached the final round by virtue of their tight three game to two victory over the second place Grand Rapids Chicks, in a series which was featured by some scintillating pitching performances. Connie Wisniewski, league's ace pitcher, made a herculean effort to pull the Chicks through after they had suffered two straight losses in their home park to start the series. Wisniewski appeared in four of the five games played in the series. She won one of the Grand Rapids victories and saved the other in a relief role but finally succumbed in the final game before the opposing slants of Rockford's Millie Deegan, who tabbed two of the Peaches wins and held Grand Rapids to three safe blows in the finale. Carolyn Morris series heroine of 1945, appeared in three games for the Peaches, winning one and losing one.

In the upper bracket, Racine was relying on the pitching of Anna May Hutchison and Joanne Winter, with the former going all the way in the opening seventeen-inning affair against Jean Faut of South Bend. The fates favored the Belles in this series when on two occasions play-off games in progress were called because of rain with the Blue Sox leading in both games at the time. After the Blue Sox had trampled the Belles to even the series in the second game behind the superb pitching of Betty Luna, it was all Belles the rest of the way. Hutchison repeated in the third game with a fancy two-hitter and Joanne Winter held the hard-hitting Sox to three bingles in the finale.

When the Belles and the Peaches met in the final best-four-out-of-seven set, it was ding-dong pitching all the way. Millie Deegan, erstwhile star second sacker, who had turned to pitching in the late weeks of the regular season, proved to be the real thorn in the side of the Belles and had Carolyn Morris, the Rockford ace, enjoyed the same pitching fortune the Peaches might well have repeated their 1945 triumph. The Belles hopped off to a two-game lead by taking the opener easily enough and then snatching the second contest out of the fire with a ninth inning rally to win 2-1. Morris had held the Belles to one single in eight innings and Deegan was rushed to the rescue too late to save the game in the ninth. Jo Winter of the Belles, meanwhile, held the Peaches to three safe blows in the game.

With the teams switching operations to Rockford, Deegan came back to win a great 2-1 pitching duel with Hutchison, each pitcher allowing only three hits. Winter, back in her best form, put the Belles two games up again with a two-hitter on the following night, to win 4-1 against Morris. But Deegan again kept Rockford hopes alive by taking the measure of Hutchison and the Belles 1-0, with each team getting five hits.

The final game was played in Racine with Winter and Morris as mound opponents. Winter was in hot water continually and the base paths were constantly clogged with Peaches, as the Rockford team garnered 13 hits with never a runner denting the platter and left 19 base runners stranded. Meanwhile, Morris was pitching the masterpiece of them all and at the conclusion of nine innings, there had not been a safe blow by Racine. The Belles broke the ice in the tenth and brought about the removal of Morris in favor of Deegan but they did not score until the sixteenth inning, when Sophie Kurys led with a single, stole second and scored on a terrific sliding play at the plate on a short single by Betty Trezza to bring the 1946 season to a fitting climax.

Millie Deegan was a pitching star of the over-all series, beating Grand Rapids and Racine twice each and winning four straight before the Belles finally stopped her in her final game relief role. Jo Winter shone on the mound for the Racine Belles, winning one from South Bend and three from Rockford for a final accounting of 4 wins and 1 loss. Sophie Kurys of the Belles would be adjudged an all-around star of the series, leading all the players of the series in hitting and scoring runs and playing a stellar game afield. In the South Bend series she scored six runs and garnered nine hits in four games and in the final game against Rockford, she was the entire Racine offensive, stealing five bases and scoring the only run of the contest after her own hit and steal.

Dorothy Snookie Harrell of the Peaches was a lively hitting star in series games and helped to keep the Peaches spark alive in their final efforts against the Belles. Dottie Kamenshek, the league's batting champion for 1946, was held down fairly well by Racine pitching until the final game when she rapped out four hits. Maddy English, Racine third sacker was an important hitter in the South Bend series, winning the all-important first game with a double in the seventeenth inning. Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids pitcher, and Edythe Perlick, Racine left fielder, both hit circuit blows in series games as did English. Betty Whiting of Grand Rapids did some fancy extra-base socking to help keep the Chicks in the series against Rockford.

In ten series games, Racine had a total of 36 runs, 66 hits and 20 errors; in eleven games Rockford had 17 runs, 69 hits and 18 errors; in five games Grand Rapids had 8 runs, 27 hits and 10 errors; in four games South Bend totaled 18 runs, 25 hits and 12 errors.

FINAL SEASON STANDING

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Racine	74	38	.661	Fort Wayne	52	60	.464
Grand Rapids	71	41	.634	Muskegon	46	66	.411
South Bend	70	42	.625	Kenosha	42	70	.375
Rockford	60	52	.536	Peoria	33	79	.295

RACINE vs SOUTH BEND
Won by Racine 3-2, 2-13, 7-1, 10-2

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	R	H	E
S.Bend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	4
Racine	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	9	3

Batteries: Faut and Baker; Hutchison and Paire.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
South Bend	0	5	0	3	3	0	0	1	1	13	14	1
Racine	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	4

Batteries: Luna and Baker; Winter, Emry, Barr and Paire, Walmesley.

Racine	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	11	2
South Bend	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1

Batteries: Hutchison and Paire; Faut and Baker.

Racine	3	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	0	10	10	3
South Bend	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	6

Batteries: Winter and Paire; Luna and Baker.

GRAND RAPIDS vs ROCKFORD
Won by Rockford 4-3, 2-0, 0-3, 1-2, 2-0

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Rockford	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	6	0
Grand Rapids	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	6	4

Batteries: Deegan, Morris and Green; Wisniewski and Lessing.

Rockford	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	7	2
Grand Rapids	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2

Batteries: Morris and Green; Haylett and Lessing.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Grand Rapids	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	10	1
Rockford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5

Batteries: Wisniewski and Lessing; Little, Holgerson and Green, Haefner.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	H	E
Grand Rapids	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	1
Rockford	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	1

Batteries: Haylett, Wisniewski and Lessing; Morris and Green.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Grand Rapids	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
Rockford	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	*		2	7	0

Batteries: Wisniewski and Lessing; Deegan and Green.

RACINE vs ROCKFORD
Won by Racine 6-3, 2-1, 1-2, 4-1, 0-1, 1-0

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Rockford	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	7	2
Racine	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	*	6	9	1

Batteries: Little and Green; Hutchison and Paire.

Rockford	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Racine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	1

Batteries: Morris, Deegan and Green; Winter and Paire.

Racine	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	1
Rockford	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	*	2	3	4

Batteries: Hutchison and Paire; Deegan and Green.

Racine	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	4	7	1
Rockford	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1

Batteries: Winter and Paire; Morris and Green.

Racine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2
Rockford	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	1	5	2

Batteries: Hutchison and Paire; Deegan and Green.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	R	H	E
Rockford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	1
Racine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	2

Batteries: Morris, Deegan and Green; Winter and Paire.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD



★ 1945 • CONNIE WISNIEWSKI
Grand Rapids Chicks

The great Connie Wisniewski was selected by a Board of Editors as the Player of the Year in 1945 and she won her honors clearly on the basis of performance probably never approached in girls baseball. In 1945, she led the league's pitchers in won and lost percentage (a feat which she has performed three years in succession) and she set an amazing all-time record for earned run average with 0.81 runs per game. In the same year she led the league in most games pitched, most innings pitched, most games won, highest percentage of games won and low earned run average. In seven years of girls baseball, three in the AAGBL, Wisniewski has never been batted out of the box and she pitched 40 complete games in the 1946 season without once being removed from the mound.



★ 1946 • SOPHIE KURYS, Racine Belles

On the basis of her 1946 play, Sophie Mary Kurys won clear-cut honors as the Player of the Year in the voting of the league managers. Kurys was a spectacular performer in every department of play in the past season. She batted second in the league for the full season and she established no less than five new all-time league records—for stolen bases in one season, for runs scored in one season, for bases on balls in one season, for runs scored in one game, and for fielding percentage at second base in one season. She played a very important part in the championship effort of her team and continued as a standout star in the post-season playoff series, leading all players in hitting, scoring runs and stealing bases.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FACTS AND FIGURES

This major league baseball annual, which is distributed nationally, devotes a portion of its pages to the activities, records and statistics of the All American Girls Baseball League. Its editors have adopted a policy of featuring each year an All-Star team from the major league of girls baseball, to be picked by the combined vote of the league managers. Likewise, this annual honors the Player of the Year, chosen by the vote of the managers. The player so chosen, is featured on the cover of MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL and receives the annual Player of the Year trophy which is presented by the editors of this leading publication. The 1945 and 1946 awards will be made on behalf of MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL early in the 1947 season.



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ALL-STAR TEAM

For the first time in the four year history of the All American Girls Baseball League, we present an official All-Star team which has been selected as a result of the combined vote of all eight managers who were active in the league in 1946.

It should be borne in mind by the fan that the All-Star players presented in these pages have been selected on the basis of their achievements and performances in the 1946 season only.

In the voting of the managers, as many as fifty-three different players received some recognition, which gives an indication of the diversified difference of opinion, even among managers, when it comes to judging a player's merits and worth. However, all of those selected on this 1946 All-Star aggregation gained a clear-cut margin in total points to leave no question as to their qualifications to represent the best in ability among All American girls of 1946.

Perhaps every fan has his or her own idea as to what an all-star team should be but we do not think that many can argue that the players named herein would not give as good an account of themselves as any other group of girl ball players in the world.

A pitching staff which comprises Connie Wisniewski, the leader in won and lost percentage for the third year in a row, and Joanne Winter, who shared a new record for games won in one season with Connie at 33, in addition to breaking or tieing several other league records in 1946, might be sufficient. Add to this the extremely capable Carolyn Morris, the league's ace no-hit pitcher, and Anna May Hutchison, who set several league records and pitched more low hit games than any pitcher in the league in 1946, and you have the cream of the pitching crop on the basis of last season's play.

When it comes to the infield, you need look no further than Dottie Kamenshek at first base, where she reigned supreme in all-around play, being the league batting champion of 1946 and setting a new all-time record for total hits. Nor can you dispute the right of Sophie Kurys to second base, where she won Player of the Year honors on the basis of her stellar 1946 performance in which she set new all-time records for stolen bases, for bases on balls, for runs scored, for runs in one game and for fielding percentage at second base.

At shortstop, where Senaida (Shoo Shoo) Wirth won the distinction of being the only rookie to make the all-star grade, and at third base, where four-year veteran Maddy English got the nod, the competition was much tighter. But both these players took the laurels on the basis of their all-around play, fielding, throwing, defensive fire and offensive ability.

For the outfield berths, the candidates were legion. Merle (Pat) Keagle who led all the league's outfielders in hitting and who ranked extremely high in the extra base and runs-batted-in department, could not be denied a place on the basis of her all-around effective and aggressive play. Elizabeth (Lib) Mahon was another who sparkled in 1946. In addition to batting in the top brackets, Lib set a new all-time record for runs-batted-in, sure-fire evidence of hitting in the clutch. And she led the entire league in the important Total Advanced Bases column, the supreme test of a player's ability to hit when it counts. Third spot in the outfield went to deserving Ty Eisen, who is one of the speed merchants of the league, a ball hawk in the field, a much better than average hitter and on the basis of her 1946 play, in which she virtually carried first year Peoria Red Wings on her capable shoulders, she deserved an all-star post.

The catching assignment was a race between Mary (Bonnie) Baker of the Blue Sox and Ruth Lessing of the Chicks. Baker enjoyed her best of four seasons with the stick and won the nod on the basis of her fine batting. Lessing shone as a great receiver and holds every all-time fielding record for catchers.

The championship Racine Belles took four all-star selections with pitchers Winter and Hutchison, second baseman Kurys and third baseman English. South Bend Blue Sox came through with three all-stars in the persons of catcher Baker, shortstop Wirth and outfielder Mahon. Grand Rapids Chicks also showed with three stars in pitcher Connie Wisniewski, outfielder Keagle and catcher Lessing. Rockford Peaches made two highly important contributions in the persons of pitcher Carolyn Morris and first sacker Dottie Kamenshek. And the Peoria Red Wings copped the remaining post with outfielder Eisen.

And so, hail to the All-Stars of 1946. We are privileged to do fitting honor to those players who have won the right to a position on this mythical team on the basis of their performance, their skill, their sportsmanship and their value to their respective teams in 1946.


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First Base
MADELINE
ENGLISH
Third Base
SENAIDA
WIRTH
Short Stop
ALL-STAR
1946
TEAM
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KEAGLE
No. 1 Outfield
THELMA
EISEN
No. 3 Outfield
ELIZABETH MAHON
No. 2 Outfield


ANNA MAY HUTCHISON
No. 4 Pitcher
CONNIE WISNIEWSKI
No. 1 Pitcher
JOANNE WINTER
No. 2 Pitcher
MARY BAKER
No. 1 Catcher
CAROLYN MORRIS
No. 3 Pitcher
RUTH LESSING
No. 2 Catcher
SOPHIE KURYS
Second Base

RINGING THE COMMUNITY BELLES



The Racine Girls Professional Ball Club is a non-profit, community enterprise. As in the case of all the other clubs in the All American Girls Baseball League, it was established and is now maintained by the industrial, business, fraternal and civic leaders of the community and the people who help to conduct its affairs do so without remuneration as a civic service. All proceeds from the operation, if any, are devoted to worthy youth enterprises and recreation in the city. Evidence of this service to the community will be seen during the summer of 1947 as the Racine Belles help to support the operation of as many as 24 different boys' baseball clubs playing under the direction of the Racine Recreational Department. In addition, newly organized junior girls' leagues will emulate the Belles by playing the same brand of baseball which was first devised by the All American Girls Baseball League. Thus, the Racine Belles are rendering a great community service to the youth of Racine and hope eventually to develop further plans, depending upon profitable operation, to the benefit of all the people of our City. When you see the special Racine Belles emblem, illustrated herewith, you will recognize one of the many participants in a worthy Racine Belles enterprise.

RECORD BREAKERS

While all-time league records were tumbling in the 1946 season, the Racine Belles were getting their share. The team set a new league record for most runs scored in one game when it piled up 26 counters against Grand Rapids at Horlick Field on June 13. In addition, individual members of the Belles broke or tied as many as a dozen other league records.

Sophie Kurys broke no less than five league records and also set two additional new records for Racine players. Her league marks were Most Runs Scored in One Season with 117, Most Stolen Bases in One Season with 201, Most Bases on Balls in One Season with 93, Most Runs Scored in One Game with 5, Highest Fielding Percentage for One Season at Second Base with .973. She set new records for Racine players with Most Hits in One Season 112, and Highest Batting Average for One Season .286.

Anna May Hutchison set new league records for most games pitched in one season with 51 and most innings pitched in one game with 19. She also entered her name in the Hall of Fame with a no-hit, no-run game against the Kenosha Comets on July 10.

Joanne Winter established two new all-time records and tied two other all-time records for pitchers. Her new league marks were for most consecutive shutout games with 6 and most consecutive scoreless innings pitched with 63. She tied an all-time record for most shutout games pitched in one season with 17 and, with Connie Wisniewski, she set a new record for most games won in one season with 33.

Irene Hickson, despite a season cut short by misfortune and injury, found time to set a new all-time league record for the most bases on balls in one game, with 5.

HORLICK ATHLETIC FIELD

The home park of the Racine Belles is a community property and it is administered by Horlick Athletic Field Commission. During the past four years, girls professional baseball has brought one of the outstanding sports attractions in many years to this site. With ever-increasing interest and attendance, every effort is being made by the management of the Racine Belles and the members of the Commission, under the chairmanship of Mr. John Tomek, to improve the facilities and add to the comforts and conveniences of the fans. Restrictions on material and labor in the building and construction field have been a handicap but some improvements and additions will be noted in the 1947 season. It is hoped by the Belles management that, in keeping with attendance and indications of demand, more notable improvements and additions will be forthcoming in future years so that the Racine Belles and their loyal fans will have reason to be proud of not only the best playing field in the circuit but one of the finest baseball plants in this part of the country. For those who are interested in the dimensions of the present playing field, here are the measurements from the home plate to the various corners of the field:

Home plate to the outfield fences at foul lines.....322 ft.
Home plate to the outfield fences in the corners.....406 ft.
Home plate to the outfield fence in dead center.....352 ft.



KEEPING RACINE ON TOP



Racine has been proud of its leadership in the All American Girls Baseball League and the management has been grateful to the Racine fans who have made this leadership possible. Again, during 1946, the Racine club set the pace by gaining several new "firsts" to add to its imposing string. The Racine Belles instituted air travel by twice making flights to meet their road engagements in Muskegon and to the best of our knowledge, became the first girls baseball team to travel by air. During the season, the Belles also instituted play-by-play radio broadcasts of its games, at home and away, sponsored by local industrial establishments and presented through the facilities of WRJN, Racine. Among the many important "firsts" which Racine has established in the history of the All American Girls League are these:

FIRST:

to organize under the original agreement in 1943.
to win the league championship of AAGBL in 1943.
to feature a home town girl as a regular player 1943.
to obtain a full franchise in the league in 1944.
to publish an annual Year Book for its fans in 1944.
to win the Opening Day Attendance Trophy in 1945.
to appoint a home town product as team mgr. 1945.
to institute radio broadcasting of its games in 1946.
to adopt air travel as a means of transportation 1946.
to win two league championships in the AAGBL 1946.



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All American Girls Baseball League

This introduction of the chief executives of the eight clubs of the All American Girls Baseball League is designed to acquaint our readers and fans with the type of industrial, business and civic leaders who are giving their personal time, effort and interest to the promotion of these non-profit enterprises in each of their communities, as well as to the Board of Governors of the League. These men and their associates work for the mutual interests of players, fans and the entire community to provide our cities with the finest and best in sports entertainment, community recreation and youth development.



W. R. WADEWITZ, Racine Belles

Vice President, Western Printing & Litho. Company. A veteran of World War I and former all-around athlete, he is a Vice President of the Racine Association of Commerce, Committee Chairman of the Manufacturers Association of Racine, member of the Board of Trustees and Honorary Life Member of Racine Elks, Chairman of Racine Cemetery Commission and very active in American Legion and civic affairs.

J. L. MUELLER, Fort Wayne

Lincoln National Life Insurance Company national sales leader for a quarter of a century, he is Past President of the Fort Wayne Basketball Association, an ardent golfer and senior champion at Fort Wayne Country Club. He has served as General Chairman of the Community Chest and has been active in American Red Cross, YMCA, War Bond, Civic Theatre and Philharmonic Orchestra activities. A member of the Chamber of Commerce and active in many other civic and fraternal organizations.





N. J. HARKNESS, Grand Rapids

President, Michigan Distributors, Inc. A graduate of Northwestern University and a Captain in World War I, he is President of the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce and President of the Grand Rapids Veterans Counseling Center. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Kent County Family Service and is a member of the Peninsular Club, University Club, Kent Country Club, American Legion, Elks, Torch Club and White Lake Yacht Club.

L. A. PRESCOTT, Muskegon

Manager, Bennett Pumps Division of John Wood Manufacturing Company, he taught school in Muskegon for eleven and a half years before becoming a successful works manager in industry. He was manager of athletics at Muskegon High School and continued his interest in sports as a civic leader. He is a three-time President of the Greater Muskegon Chamber of Commerce and is Director of the Muskegon Manufacturers Association.





DAN A. CLARK, South Bend

Director of Clark's Restaurants. An outstandingly popular and vigorous young business man in South Bend, he is well known for his civic work and his interest in the development of youth. A 32nd Degree Mason, he is a member of Notre Dame Alumni Association, an honorary life member of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 36, a life member of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local No. 362 and the Musicians Local No. 278.

EDWARD J. RUETZ, Kenosha

Municipal Judge of Kenosha, his list of civic achievements would fill a volume. He is former President and Board member of the local and State Bar Associations, Chairman of the Board of St. Catherine's Hospital, Chairman of Kenosha Post War Planning Committee, Chairman of Recreation Committee of Kenosha Chamber of Commerce, Executive Committee Red Cross, Executive Committee U.S.O. and meritorious certificate holder from the American Legion.





HARRY HANSON, Rockford

President, Damascus Steel Products Corporation. A member of the Rockford Rotary Club, Past Commander of the Knights Templar and well known for his special interest in Boys' Club work, he has done much to make Rockford an outstanding girls baseball center. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army. Carl H. Glans, Vice President, is Director of the Swedish Savings and Loan Association and Rockford Mutual Fire Insurance.

A. H. SOMMER, Peoria

Director, Keystone Steel & Wire Company, he is a graduate of Bradley University with a background of civil engineering and construction, Chairman of the Southwestern Section of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers and a Director of the National Open Hearth Steel Committee. He is a Director and member of the Budget Committee of the Peoria Community Chest and Council and a member of the Peoria Association of Commerce.



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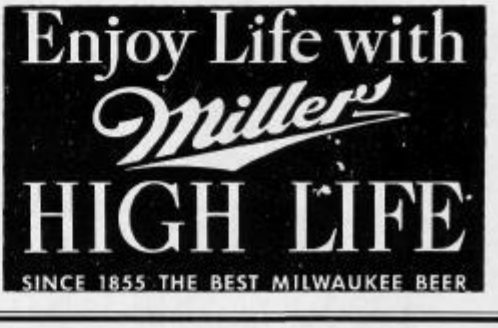
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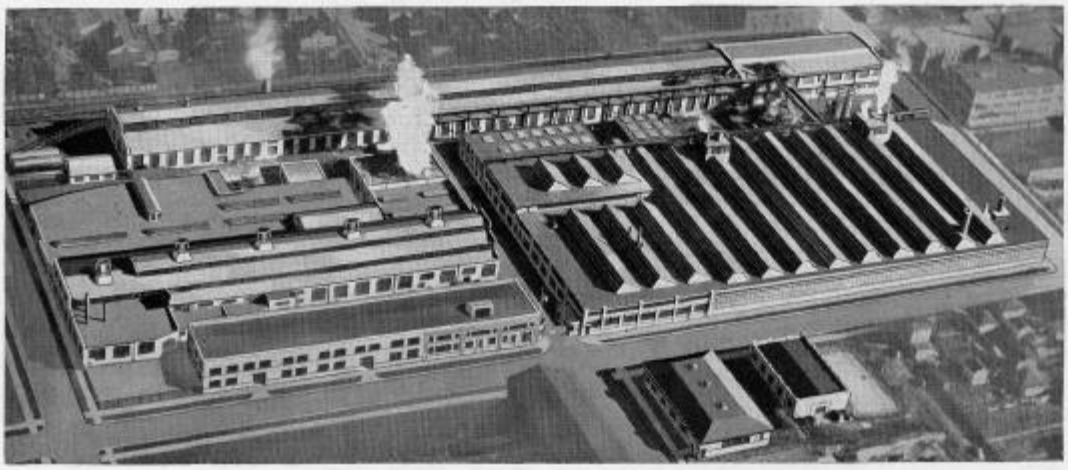
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THE KNOT-HOLE GANG

UNORGANIZED KNOT-HOLE gangs have been handicapped in previous years by the high and impenetrable stone wall that surrounds Horlick Athletic Field. As the 1947 season of the Racine Belles opened, it was assured that the Knot-Hole Gang was going to receive a big "assist" from the local club.

In cooperation with the Racine Girls Professional Ball Club, the Kiwanis Club of Racine has organized a Knot-Hole Gang for boys and girls between the ages of ten and fourteen, inclusive. All members of the group will be admitted free of charge to all Monday night games of the All-American Girls Baseball League at Horlick Field, under the supervision of the Kiwanis Club, whose members will serve as ushers and mentors in the special section of bleachers set aside by the Belles management for this exclusive purpose.

Limited to the first 2,000 boys and girls who file application for membership in the Knot-Hole Gang, the kids interested were registered during a three-day period at their various schools, which cooperated one hundred percent in putting the plan into effect.

Groundwork for the plan was worked out by Paul Sutton, who heads the Kiwanis Boys and Girls Committee and Vine McCormick, physical director of the Racine Y.M.C.A. With the approval of Judge Elmer Goodland, Superintendent of Schools William Giese, the school principals and teachers, the Kiwanis Committee designated 34 schools as registration headquarters for the Gang. This designation covered 14 public, 11 Catholic, three Lutheran and four Junior High Schools, plus St. Catherine's and Lutheran High freshman classes. No boys or girls were allowed to register for the Gang without the written permission of their parents.

The organization of a Knot-Hole Gang in Racine is expected to do more than just build up a following for the Belles among the boys and girls. The Kiwanis Club believes that the move will give children who may not be able to afford the admission price the opportunity to see All-American Girls Baseball League games and keep them from wandering the streets by giving them a wholesome interest in sports, thereby curbing any tendency toward juvenile delinquency.

A high standard of good sportsmanship will be required to retain membership in the Knot-Hole Gang and the youngsters will be asked to comply with specific rules and regulations. Courtesy and sportsmanship in relation to visiting teams and umpires will be part of the spirit of the group in keeping with Racine's fine reputation for good sportsmanship. Members of the Knot-Hole Gang will be expected to adhere to the instructions and regulations set down by their official Kiwanis Club mentors in attendance at all games and any breach of good conduct will result in forfeiture of membership in the Knot-Hole Gang.

This is just another way in which youth is being served through the thrilling and enjoyable sport of girls professional baseball.



1947 RACINE BELLES • *Left to right, front row:* Sarah Lonetto, Irene Hickson, Maddy English, Sophie Kurys, Georgette Vincent, Betty Trezza, Jane Jacobs, Edie Perlick. *Left to right, back row:* Manager Leo Murphy, Pepper Paire, Doris Barr, Marnie Danhauser, Jean Cione, Joanne Winter, Rossey Weeks, Eleanor Dapkus, Norma Metrolis, Anna May Hutchison, Chaperone Willie Wilson.



With Greetings and Best Wishes to the 1947 Racine Belles

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1947 SCHEDULE OF GAMES — RACINE BELLES — AT HOME AND ABROAD

Games at Home

May 21, Wednesday ..... Kenosha
May 22, Thursday ..... Kenosha
May 23, Friday ..... Kenosha
May 24, Saturday ..... Kenosha
June 1, Sunday (2) ..... Grand Rapids
June 2, Monday ..... Grand Rapids
June 3, Tuesday ..... Grand Rapids
June 8, Sunday (2) ..... South Bend
June 9, Monday ..... South Bend
June 10, Tuesday ..... South Bend
June 11, Wednesday ..... Muskegon
June 12, Thursday ..... Muskegon
June 13, Friday ..... Muskegon
June 14, Saturday ..... Muskegon
June 22, Sunday (2) ..... Fort Wayne
June 23, Monday ..... Fort Wayne
June 24, Tuesday ..... Fort Wayne
June 25, Wednesday ..... Peoria
June 26, Thursday ..... Peoria
June 27, Friday ..... Peoria
June 28, Saturday ..... Peoria
July 2, Wednesday ..... Rockford
July 3, Thursday ..... Rockford
July 4, Friday (2) ..... Rockford
July 12, Saturday ..... Kenosha
July 13, Sunday ..... Kenosha
July 14, Monday ..... Kenosha
July 15, Tuesday ..... Kenosha
July 23, Wednesday ..... Grand Rapids
July 24, Thursday ..... Grand Rapids
July 25, Friday ..... Grand Rapids
July 26, Saturday ..... Grand Rapids
July 30, Wednesday ..... South Bend
July 31, Thursday ..... South Bend
August 1, Friday ..... South Bend
August 2, Saturday ..... South Bend
August 3, Sunday (2) ..... Muskegon
August 4, Monday ..... Muskegon
August 5, Tuesday ..... Muskegon
August 13, Wednesday ..... Fort Wayne
August 14, Thursday ..... Fort Wayne
August 15, Friday ..... Fort Wayne
August 16, Saturday ..... Fort Wayne
August 17, Sunday (2) ..... Rockford
August 18, Monday ..... Rockford
August 19, Tuesday ..... Rockford
August 30, Saturday ..... Peoria
August 31, Sunday ..... Peoria
September 1, Monday (2) ..... Peoria

Games Abroad

May 25, Sunday ..... Peoria
May 26, Monday (2) ..... Peoria
May 27, Tuesday ..... Peoria
May 28, Wednesday ..... Rockford
May 29, Thursday ..... Rockford
May 30, Friday (2) ..... Rockford
June 4, Wednesday ..... Kenosha
June 5, Thursday ..... Kenosha
June 6, Friday ..... Kenosha
June 7, Saturday ..... Kenosha
June 15, Sunday (2) ..... Fort Wayne
June 16, Monday ..... Fort Wayne
June 17, Tuesday ..... Fort Wayne
June 18, Wednesday ..... Muskegon
June 19, Thursday ..... Muskegon
June 20, Friday ..... Muskegon
June 21, Saturday ..... Muskegon
June 29, Sunday (2) ..... South Bend
June 30, Monday ..... South Bend
July 1, Tuesday ..... South Bend
July 6, Sunday ..... Grand Rapids
July 7, Monday ..... Grand Rapids
July 8, Tuesday ..... Grand Rapids
July 9, Wednesday ..... Grand Rapids
July 16, Wednesday ..... Peoria
July 17, Thursday ..... Peoria
July 18, Friday ..... Peoria
July 19, Saturday ..... Peoria
July 20, Sunday (2) ..... Rockford
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RACINE BELLES

The Racine Belles are charter members of the All-American Girls Baseball League, an organization founded in 1943 and comprised entirely of community owned and operated, non-profit clubs, devoted to the promotion and presentation of high quality sports entertainment, good sportsmanship and clean, wholesome recreation for youth and community.



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HOME OF THE BELLES



Horlick Athletic Field, a municipal ball park and sports stadium is the home of the Racine Belles, twice champions in the five-year history of the All-American Girls Baseball League. In keeping with its program of encouraging youth and civic recreation, the Racine Belles recently expanded and improved the seating at this city park with the installation of box seats and modern grandstand facilities, as well as modern press and broadcasting accommodations. Under the efficient supervision of the Horlick Field Athletic Commission and Superintendent Vic Seitz (inset), a former baseball star in his own right, the playing field ranks with the very finest in the entire mid-west. It is ideally adapted to the girls professional game and in 1947 the field set a new attendance record for all sports and civic events. The distance from home plate to the outfield wall at the foul lines is 322 feet, at the corners 106 feet and in dead center field 352 feet.

Centennial

The year 1948 marks the one hundredth birthday of the State of Wisconsin and the City of Racine. Both the State and the City will celebrate their common Centennial throughout the year which marks a century of growth and progress in step with a great nation and its people.

It seems likely that the first white men ever to set eyes on the shores of what is now Racine County were Marquette and Joliet in the late summer or early autumn of 1673. La Salle and his companions undoubtedly also passed that way in 1679. But it was not until September 10, 1699 that Francois Joliet de Montigny, Jean Francois Buisson de St. Cosme, Antoine Davisson and Thaumer de la Source actually ascended the Root River to seek a shorter route to the Illinois country. These French explorers were probably the first white men to set foot upon the area now known as Racine, although no settlement was formed there until more than one hundred and twenty-five years later.

Captain Gilbert Knapp, who was born in Chatham, Massachusetts, on December 3, 1798, was the first settler in Racine. He was a veteran of the Continental Army and many times ran the blockade in the war with England. After engaging in the mercantile business at Poughkeepsie, New York, he transferred his activities to the Great Lakes, as a captain of vessels in government service. Just before retiring in 1828, he dropped anchor in Lake Michigan at the mouth of the Root River and went ashore to explore the country. He was much impressed with the possibilities of forming a settlement, even though the land was still then in the hands of the Indians.

Following the Indian Treaty of 1833, the adventurous Knapp returned from the east, with his old dream of a settlement at the mouth of the Root River revived. He interested a Chicagoan by the name of Gurdon S. Hubbard in his project and with Hubbard's backing, he made the tedious journey from Chicago by horseback to survey the site. In 1834, he brought with him from Chicago the materials to build a cabin and he was accompanied by A. J. and William Luce and a man named Welch, all of them in his employ. They erected the cabin and laid claim to 140.98 acres of land surrounding the mouth of the river which established the town of Port Gilbert, named in honor of the first settler.



Gilbert Knapp
Founder of Racine

The original name, however, was soon abandoned in favor of Racine. The name Racine is of French origin, meaning "root," and was probably first applied by Jesuit missionaries or the early voyageurs who found the river obstructed with tangled roots. The early Indian name for the river was Chip-pe-cotton, which also means "root." Some historians have implied that the word also denotes the base, source or foundation where early settlers took "root" on the land.

At any rate, rumors of the great fertility of the soil brought a

tide of immigration to the midwest and within a year or so of Gilbert Knapp's claim, there were a hundred or more settlers in what is now Racine County. In 1836, a post office called "Root River" was established and in 1837, the town's "big" hotel, the Racine House, was erected amidst scenes of great rejoicing. The lumber was cut at the saw mill on the rapids of Root River and the bricks for the chimney were made on the premises.



The first edition of the Racine Argus was published on February 14, 1838 and it proudly proclaimed: "Racine has a jail, two fine public houses (the Racine and Fulton Hotels), a number of stores, dwelling houses, mechanics' shops, etc. It was first settled about three years ago. Its growth since that time, although not as rapid as some others, has been gradual and permanent."

The little community developed into a trading center for the growing number of settlers in the surrounding territory. Boats on Lake Michigan afforded the chief means of travel in the early years. By 1840, the population had grown to 300 souls and on February 13, 1841, Governor Dodge of the Wisconsin Territory approved "an act to incorporate the Village of Racine, in Racine County." Racine's first court house was erected in that year on Market Square, now Monument Square. The first brick house also appeared in the same year. And in 1842, the J. I. Case Company was founded as a forerunner of the city's rise as a great industrial center.

By the middle of the century, the railroads started to appear and Wisconsin was known as "the granary of the world." Racine also became one of the most important shipping centers and ports on Lake Michigan and in the years that followed and well into the twentieth century, it was a great winter haven for the vast Lake Michigan fishing fleet.

In 1848, Wisconsin was admitted to statehood and became the thirtieth State to join the Union. By that time, Racine's population had reached an estimated 3,000 people and consequently, a bill incorporating the City of Racine was approved by Governor Nelson Dewey on August 8, 1848. On that date in 1948, therefore, the Belle City of the Lakes, as it has been known for many years, will celebrate Racine's one hundredth birthday as a city.

Racine, which today vies for the title of second largest city in the State of Wisconsin, is now a thriving community of approximately 70,000 people, with surrounding townships and villages making a total of almost 100,000 in "greater Racine." It has taken its position as one of the most important industrial centers in the entire midwest and is the source of many manufactured products which are famous throughout the world.

Racine has 80 churches of all leading denominations, 24 grade schools, four junior high schools and three high schools, with school enrollment over 12,000. It has three hospitals with 245 beds and a current $1,000,000.00 expansion program made possible by local industry. In the community are eight hotels, nine theatres with seating capacity of 18,000 and a municipal auditorium seating 1,850. Racine is proud of its 23 beautiful parks of 426 acres and numerous golf courses, its fine beaches and modern zoological gardens. Its fine, modern municipal water plant supplies 129 miles of main and has a capacity of 20,000,000 gallons. There is a beautiful municipal outdoor swimming pool, several community recreation halls and numerous

well-equipped public playgrounds, many of them with lighting facilities for night activities. The city maintains approximately 100 miles of paved streets and it has efficient and well-equipped police and fire departments, each employing a personnel of about 80 men.



RAY PETERSON PHOTO

Downtown Racine in 1948

The building and loan resources of Racine approximate $5,000,000.00 Its bank resources are more than $75,000,000.00 and its bank deposits are over $80,000,000.00 As a flourishing commercial center, it boasts over 1,000 retail stores and more than 70 wholesale outlets. There are over 14,000 automobiles registered in Racine and the annual railroad carloadings top the 20,000 mark. Racine has an attractive art museum and its public library system lists around 195,000 volumes. In the field of higher education, a branch of the University of Wisconsin has been established in Racine with enrollment of 600 students.

Racine's 236 industrial plants employ over 23,000 of its people and the annual industrial payroll tops $50,000,000.00 Its manufacturers rate among the top producers of the world in such items as threshing machines, tractors and farm machinery, malted milk, floor wax and finishes, trunks and luggage, rubber and sports clothing, wrought iron, steel and brass castings, iron and steel products, electrical appliances and specialties, children's books and games, playing cards, greeting cards and lithographed products, leather and leather goods, machine tools, metal stampings, clippers, lawn and power mowers, electronic units and systems, precision tools, roofing, mechanical and hydraulic jacks and lifts, automotive products, radiators and convector radiation, as well as many more.

Racine is strong on community pride and achievement. For over a decade, it has conducted a Fourth of July Goodwill Celebration which ranks among the most elaborate community programs in the nation. Its American Legion Post 76 Drum and Bugle Corps has won four national championships, more than any other American city, and its Boy Scout Drum and Bugle Corps has won similar recognition in competition in all parts of the country. Racine supports a fine Y.M.C.A. for its boys and is currently building a new Y.W.C.A. headquarters for girls, financed by a special community fund of $350,000.00, the major portion of which has been contributed by Racine industry. Several active veteran organizations, numerous clubs and societies, as well as many business and industrial concerns liberally support and sponsor all types of sports teams in the city as a means of developing wholesome youth activities, recreation and entertainment.

As one of its finest and most successful community projects, the people of Racine have operated and supported the Racine Belles of the All-American Girls Baseball League ever since the inception of the league in 1943. The Belles have attracted a greater attendance and following than any sports venture in the one hundred-year history of the City of Racine and have rewarded their fans with two championships and four playoff appearances in their first five years of operation.

The Racine Belles, during the 1948 season, are proud and happy to play a part in observing the one hundredth birthday of Racine and the Centennial Celebration of the State of Wisconsin.



Lakeshore Drive and Racine Zoological Gardens

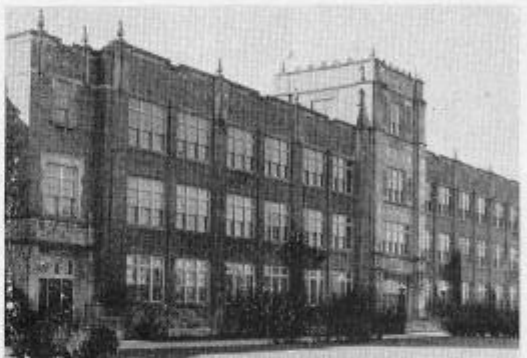


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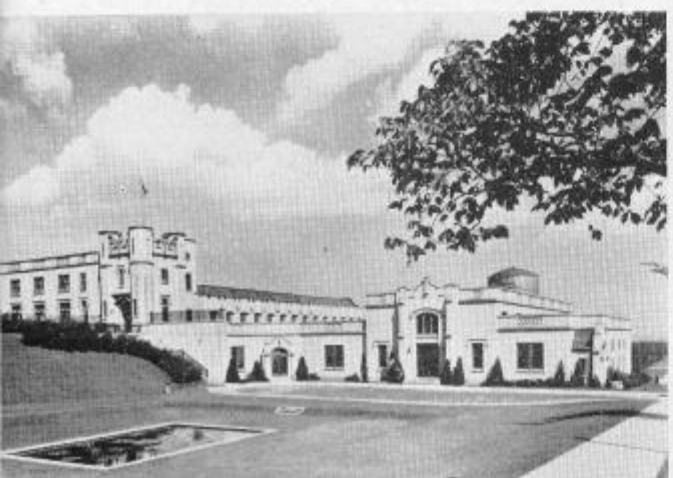


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REVIEW OF THE YEAR 1947

The Racine Belles enjoyed a successful and fruitful 1947 season, marking the fifth consecutive year of growth and popularity for the All-American Girls Baseball League in the City of Racine. Although the Belles failed to repeat their pennant and playoff successes of 1946, they again provided stubborn and spirited competition which made them a real factor throughout the duration of the regular season and until the last pitch was delivered in the thrilling Shaughnessy playoff series.

The Racine entry, with eleven of its 1946 players on the roster, made an auspicious start when it won the Cuban championship which climaxed the spring training activities of the entire league at Havana, Cuba. By surviving the round-robin tournament and then downing the Muskegon Lassies in the final best two-out-of-three series, the Belles walked off with the Esther Williams Trophy, emblematic of the spring championship. Following this achievement, they played a series of exhibition games with Muskegon for fourteen consecutive nights in seven Florida cities. They were topped in this series by eight games to six and this gave rise to the prediction that the Lassies would be the team to beat over the 1947 route to the pennant.

The Belles, as might have been expected, broke on top in the regular season race, largely due to the fact that they boasted an experienced team personnel which had been accustomed to playing together. However, because of a lack of capable reserves, it became apparent from the start that the Belles must play virtually throughout every inning of the season without injury or mishap to a key player, an almost unheard of achievement in the rugged 112 game schedule. At that, the locals almost succeeded and at least managed to set the pace until injuries befell third baseman Maddy English and catcher Irene Hickson late in the season. It was at that time, without sufficient player strength to meet the emergency, that the Belles gave way in the race and the Muskegon Lassies went to the top to stay.

With full credit, however, to the management, the players and the fans of Muskegon, it must be pointed out that their 1947 victory was clean-cut and well-deserved. This second year club followed the policy of resting its faith in the development of its long-term players. With only a sixth place club from the previous season intact, it stepped into the 1947 race with verve and confidence to capitalize on the fully developed talent of its original cast. With astute management showing the ingenuity to arrange the right combination of players, the Lassies developed their own sound pitching staff, excellent defensive skill and an extremely potent power at the plate to produce one of the best balanced teams in the history of the All-American Girls Baseball League. And Muskegon fans showed that they deserved a winner by setting the pace in attendance

and support throughout the entire season, winding up with an enviable season record of more than 140,000.

Meanwhile, as the Lassies and Belles set the pace, the other teams in the league were coming fast in the late stages. Through trades, player adjustments and development of new talent, even the eventual second division clubs like Peoria, Rockford, Fort Wayne and Kenosha looked extremely good on their final swings through the circuit and the former champs were hard put to it to break even in the last month of the season. There were no push-overs in the AAGBL at season's end and to many observers it was both surprising and gratifying that the Belles finished as well as they did in a second place tie with the Grand Rapids Chicks. As in 1946, the pennant race was not officially won until the day before the season closed, providing the type of close and spirited competition for which the AAGBL is becoming famous.

Again in the playoff series, the Belles proved the stubborn stuff of which they are made. They drew the tough league champions, on the flip of a coin, in the first round and surprised the experts by disposing of the Lassies in quick order, winning the first two games in the champs' own backyard and clinching the series, three games to one, in Racine. In the final round against Grand Rapids, the locals dropped three of the first four games, two of them extra inning heartbreakers, and seemed destined for dismal defeat. But they fought back to even the series at three games each, only to lose the final game by a narrow 1-0 margin. It marked the first time in many tries that the oft-favored and talent-laden Chicks had ever been able to come through with the chips down.

Looking back over the record, it becomes more and more apparent that smart management, experience and team spirit had a great deal more to do with the success of the Belles than any other factors. The team had a surprisingly disappointing season at bat, hitting for a team average which was seventh in the league and 42 points lower than the championship Muskegon club. Never exactly a lusty hitting crew, the Belles fell off even further in their 1947 batting endeavors. Outfielder Edie Perlick was the only player to come close to meeting her batting average of the previous season. Perlick, incidentally, batted .239 to lead the club with the stick and her consistent and dependable all-around play was one of the highlights of the Racine season.

The defensive side of the picture was brighter for the Belles, as they maintained their reputation for tight defensive play and rated second to the leaders in team fielding. And in spite of the lack of batting percentage, they led the league in runs scored and stolen bases. Sophie Kurys again set the individual pace in runs scored and stolen bases and Pepper Paire was a close second among individuals for runs-batted-in giving further evidence of the fact that the Belles were a team of opportunists who made their limited chances count.

Certainly to be rated high among the season's accomplishments was the work of pitcher Anna May Hutchison, who followed her great freshman year on the mound with another of equal brilliance. Hutch took the lead in the pitching derby from the start and emerged as the league's winningest pitcher with 27 victories. She climaxed the season with an amazing iron-woman performance in the playoff series that came within a whisker of pulling out the post-season honors for her team. She won all three games by which Racine eliminated Muskegon in the first round and she won two of the three taken from Grand Rapids in the final set. Of the eleven playoff games in which the Belles participated, Hutchison appeared in no less than eight and she won five. Two of her losses were extra-inning affairs and all three were lost by a single run.

Jo Winter fell off her record breaking pitching pace of 1946 and Dodie Barr, while switching from underhand to side-arm style, was also plagued with arm miseries which impaired her efficiency. Eleanor Dapkus regular right fielder, showed excellent promise as a pitcher. In her first start, Dapkus established a league record, along with Jean Faut of South Bend, by going the route in a 22-inning encounter. In a succeeding start, she fired for 18 innings against Millie Earp of Grand Rapids and certainly established something of another record for pitching 40 innings (almost five ball games) in her first two complete games, while having the misfortune to lose both.

Dodie Barr provided another season highlight when she fashioned a full nine-inning no-hit, no-run game

against the Fort Wayne Daisies at Fort Wayne. In 1946, Barr had turned the same trick in seven innings against the same team for the first no-hitter ever pitched by a Racine Belle. The first nine-inning no-hitter for Racine was pitched by Anna May Hutchison against Kenosha in 1946 and Barr's 1947 feat was therefore only the second of its kind produced by a Racine hurler.

Girls baseball, as exemplified by the All-American Girls Baseball League is a community project in each of the league cities. In civic and community achievement, as well as attainment of its aims and purposes, the Racine Girls Professional Ball Club rated second to none in 1947. The home season was played in a municipal athletic park which had been greatly improved and expanded from the standpoint of seating and facilities, made possible entirely through funds furnished and by operations directed by the Racine Belles.

In the Racine City Recreation Leagues, almost one thousand teen-aged boys and girls played league baseball, sponsored, uniformed and equipped by the Racine Belles. A series of all-star games between the junior girls was held at Horlick Field late in the season and all-star individual awards were made by the Belles management.

During the season, the Belles presented on special occasions such outstanding civic and youth organizations as American Legion Post 76 Drum and Bugle Corps, Racine Council Boy Scouts of America Drum and Bugle Corps, the Racine Elks Junior Band and others. Under the auspices of the Racine Kiwanis Club, they operated a Knot-Hole Gang for junior boys and girls. During the season, the Belles entertained the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Racine Junior Police and other youth organizations.

Racine manufacturing and commercial organizations again gave whole-heartedly of their interest and support, helping to provide the revenue that spells the difference between success and failure in such a civic venture. A series of manufacturers' nights and a retail merchants' night helped to climax the season with a new record in attendance.

All these things were accomplished by Racine people and loyal fans who through their interest, attendance and support have made possible a great community accomplishment and a youth recreation program that has won nation-wide attention and favorable publicity for the City of Racine. To Racine Belles fans and boosters goes the full credit for again setting a new Racine attendance record of 84,819 during the regular season—more people than had ever before been attracted by any sports venture in the history of our City. Another 15,351 people saw the six playoff games which were played in Racine and this brought total attendance for the season to 100,107, a proud achievement indeed for the Belle City and its people.

A number of changes will be evident as the All-American Girls Baseball League starts its 1948 season. The League has been expanded to include ten clubs. The Chicago Colleens, headed by Rev. M. J. Sweeney and managed by Dave Bancroft of New York Giants fame, will play at the popular Shewbridge Field on Chicago's southwest side. A new club at Springfield, Illinois, headed by J. R. Fitzpatrick will play at the Jim Fitzpatrick Memorial Stadium in that city. The league will be divided into two sections but all teams will play each other 14 times, in two complete swings through the circuit to provide a schedule of 126 games. Racine, Kenosha, Rockford, Peoria and Springfield will comprise the Western Section, while Muskegon, Grand Rapids, South Bend, Fort Wayne and Chicago will operate in the Eastern division. The four top teams in each section at season's end will engage in their own complete Shaughnessy playoff series and the two winners will then play a series for the league championship.

And as the years pass by, the game also undergoes certain changes, taking on more and more of the pattern of full scale baseball. Changes likely to be noted in 1948 may include the overhand pitch. The ball will be still smaller and livelier, probably about 10⅜ inches in circumference. The pitching distance will move from 43 feet to 48 feet. And the bases will move from 70 feet apart to 72 feet.

As we start our sixth consecutive season in the All-American Girls Baseball League, we look forward to even greater achievements on the part of the Racine Belles. But above all, we look for the people of Racine to maintain their splendid record and reputation for sportsmanship and community pride. When you boost the Belles, you boost Racine.

BRAIN . . .

Brain buster of the Belles is Leo Murphy, veteran of a quarter century in the major and minor leagues, who has gone overboard for the girls brand of play and who has led the Racine Belles to one championship and three playoff series in three years. Leo the Murph is one of baseball's best teachers and here he talks about a 1960 contract to spell-bound Sandra Priaulx, pride and joy of Belles' business manager, Bill Priaulx.





BEAUTY . . .

And just as capable as she looks is Mildred (Willie) Wilson, popular and comely chaperone of the Racine Belles. An athlete in her own right and a basketball player of no mean ability, this product of Long Island University is serving her fourth season with the local club, administering to the welfare, spirits, health and physical condition of the players at home and on the road. She is now a Racine resident and partner in the Joanne Winter confection shop.

BRAWN . . .

The muscle molls who tote the timber to and from the Belles' woodpile are bat girls Marilyn Ekholm (left) and Heather Black, both of whom live on Kinzie Avenue and attend the Jefferson school. They take great pride in their work as bat babes and Belles boosters. Eleven-year old Heather is serving her third term as a lumber jill and ten-year old Marilyn starts her second season in 1948. They have spent a busy winter loading Belles bats with base hits.





1 **1947 MUSKEGON LASSIES** • *Front row, seated, left to right:* Delores Siegfried, Arlene Johnson, Irene Applegren, Evelyn Wawryshyn, Dorothy Stolze, Sara Reeser, Donna Cook, Charlene Pryer. *Back row, standing, left to right:* Bill Wamby (manager), Jo Lenard, Nancy Warren, Pat Barringer, Kate Vondereau, Marian Watson, Alva Jo Fischer, Doris Sams, Erma Bergman, Dorothy Maguire, Helen Hannah (chaperone).

2 **1947 RACINE BELLES** • *Front row, seated, left to right:* Marilyn Ekholm (bat girl), Sarah Lonetto, Georgette Vincent, Heather Black (bat girl). *Second row, seated, left to right:* Irene Hickson, Joanne Winter, Sophie Kurys, Jane Jacobs, Lavonne Paire, Madeline English, Edythe Perlick. *Back row, standing, left to right:* Mildred Wilson (chaperone), Mildred Meacham, Norma Metrolis, Bea Arbour, Marnie Danhauser, Eleanor Dapkus, Anna May Hutchison, Doris Barr, Betty Trezza, Leo Murphy (manager).





1947 GRAND RAPIDS CHICKS • *Front row, seated, left to right:* Beverly Leach, Charlene Barnett, Dorothy Stoll, Phil Francisco, Twy Shively, Ernestine Petras, Dorothy Montgomery, Alma Ziegler. *Back row, standing, left to right:* John Rawlings (manager), Ruth Lessing, Alice Haylett, Elsie Wingrove, Audrey Haine, Connie Wisniewski, Mildred Earp, Inez Voyce, Doris Tetzlaff, Ruth Richard, Dorothy Hunter (chaperone).

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1947 SOUTH BEND BLUE SOX • *Front row, seated, left to right:* Evelyn Keppel, Fredda Acker, Viola Thompson, Marie Mahoney, Jean Faut, Ruby Stephens, Senaida Wirth, Marge Stefani, Mary Baker. *Back row, standing, left to right:* Chet Grant, (manager), Daisy Junor, Pauline Pirok, Phyllis Koehn, Theda Marshall, Elizabeth Mahon, Jaynne Bittner, Betsy Jochum, Jackie Kelly, Dolores Brumfield, Sally Nobrain, Lucille Moore (chaperone).





5 **1947 PEORIA REDWINGS** • *Front row, left to right:* Carol Damon, (bat girl), Alice DeCambra, Faye Dancer, Mary Carey, Terry Donahue, Mildred Baker (chaperone), Shirley Smith, Jerrie DeNoble, Dodie Wilson, Loretta Flessner (bat girl). *Back row, left to right:* Joyce Hill, Ann Harnett, Mary Reynolds, Mary Wisham, Dottie Mueller, Johnny Gottselig (manager), Rita Meyer, Audrey Haine, Josephine Kabick, Eleanor Callow.

6 **1947 ROCKFORD PEACHES** • *Front row, left to right:* Nancy Manno (bat girl), Dorothy Kamenshek, Cartha Doyle, Alice Pollitt, Doris Calacurcio (bat girl), Marge Holgerson, Rita Briggs, Marie Wegman, Dorothy Harrell, Jennie Romatowski, Diane Hlavka (bat girl). *Back row, left to right:* Bill Edwards (manager), Helen Fox, Rose Gacioch, Betty Luna, Dorothy Green, Clare Lobrovich, Lois Florreich, Lorraine Fisher, Dorothy Ferguson, Mildred Lundahl (chaperone).





1947 FORT WAYNE DAISIES • *Front row, left to right:* Marge Pieper, Velma Abbott, Marge Callaghan, Vivian Kellogg, Marie Kruckel, Alice DeCambra. *Middle row, left to right:* Ruby Haefner, Faye Dancer, Helene Machado, Betty Whiting, Mavis Dabbs. *Back row, left to right:* William Rohrer (manager), Irene Kotowicz, Betty Tucker, Mary Rountree, Dottie Collins, Lillian Faralla, Marian Stancevic (chaperone).

1947 KENOSHA COMETS • *Front row, left to right:* Helen Smith, Helen Filarski, Betty Fabac, Mary Wood, Dorothy Naum, Fern Shallenberger, Margaret Villa, Irene Kotowicz. *Back row, left to right:* Ralph Shinners (manager), Alice Hohlmayer, Mildred Deegan, Marge Pieper, Jean Cione, Claire Lobrovich, Mona Denton, Audrey Wagner, Janice O'Hara, Jo Hageman (chaperone).





DANHAUSER, MARGARET LOUISE

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 7 in. Weight: 140 lbs.
Born: 6-9-21, Racine, Wisconsin. Residence: Racine, Wisconsin.

Home town girl Marnie is playing her sixth year in the All-American, all of them with the Racine Belles. She still remains a prime favorite with Racine fans and she has always rated high among the first basemen of the league on defense. She saved many a game during the 1947 season, as in the past, with exceptional play at first in handling throws from the infield and covering her own position. She is an all-around athlete, having participated in basketball, bowling and tournament golf. She led the league's first sackers in fielding in the 1945 season and has ranked consistently high in this department each year. After enjoying a better season in 1946 with the stick, Marnie suffered a slight relapse last year and is still looking for a big year at bat.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943.....	61	162	18	27	31	2	1	0	6	6	8	1	21	11	.167
1944.....	109	329	34	49	49	0	0	0	13	27	35	7	34	16	.149
1945.....	110	335	25	31	105	0	0	0	21	12	20	3	10	20	.093
1946.....	113	387	35	76	181	3	3	2	8	20	31	9	41	21	.196
1947.....	112	364	21	45	98	0	0	1	15	15	27	6	20	28	.124
Total.....	505	1577	133	228	464	5	4	3	63	80	121	26	126	96	.145



PERLICK, EDYTHE L.

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 3½ in. Weight: 138 lbs.
Born: 12-12-22, Chicago, Illinois. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

The Chicago product has been one of the brightest stars of the All-American Girls Baseball League since its very inception and has played in the left garden for the Belles from the very start. Mechanically and temperamentally she is a ball players' ball player, noted for her consistent and hustling style of play. She has probably performed as brilliantly in the field as any gardener in league history, coming up regularly with thrilling catches in the clutch. She has also been a steady hitter, being the only Racine player to show an improved batting average in 1947. She led the league in times at bat in 1947 and was a popular and deserving choice of the league managers for an outfield post on the 1947 All-Star team.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943.....	84	310	56	83	104	10	4	1	11	55	22	0	42	10	.268
1944.....	116	423	51	97	114	7	2	2	8	52	30	6	63	9	.229
1945.....	107	389	47	83	265	4	7	2	14	44	25	5	41	14	.213
1946.....	112	431	72	99	228	6	8	4	8	88	37	3	56	17	.230
1947.....	112	436	62	104	214	11	6	2	1	83	21	5	39	19	.239
Total.....	531	1989	288	466	925	38	27	11	42	322	135	19	241	69	.234



HUTCHISON, ANNA MAY

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 7 in. Weight: 149 lbs.
Born: 5-1-25, Louisville, Kentucky. Residence: Louisville, Kentucky.

The bellwether of the pitching staff in the last two seasons, Hutch is in her fifth year with the local team, having performed as a catcher in 1944 and 1945. The 1947 season was her best and her buggy whip arm kept the Belles in the pennant race and the playoff series. Hutch won more games and pitched more innings than any other league pitcher while appearing in 44 contests over the season route. In the playoff series, she worked in eight of the eleven games in which the Belles participated, winning all three of the games by which the Belles eliminated the Muskegon Lassies and also taking two from the Grand Rapids Chicks. For the second successive year, the Louisville red-head was selected on the All-Star team. She is counted upon as a big winner in 1948.

Year	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	ERA
1946.....	51	26	14	.650	288	1306	204	89	51	40	69	102	29	3	1.62
1947.....	44	27	13	.675	360	1261	230	77	55	38	72	120	11	5	1.38
Total....	95	53	27	.663	648	2567	434	166	106	78	141	222	40	8	1.50

HICKSON, MAE IRENE

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 2 in. Weight: 116 lbs.
Born: 8-14-18, Chattanooga, Tenn. Residence: Chattanooga, Tenn.

A real veteran of the game is "Tuffy," the peppery backstop of the Belles for six consecutive years. Sometimes known as "the Chattanooga Choo Choo," she plays with a fierce determination and a team spirit which has kept her in the game in spite of painful injuries on many occasions. During the entire eleven games of the 1947 playoff series in which the Belles participated, the fighting backstop played with a broken finger on her throwing hand. Although she has been in the game for a greater number of years than the average league player, she can still step with the best of them. She is possessed of real fleetness afoot, a good throwing arm and knows every trick of the catching trade, proving a big asset to the pitching staff and the morale of the team.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943.....	68	193	62	54	68	4	4	1	11	68	34	4	24	16	.280
1944.....	85	325	52	47	48	1	0	0	10	76	35	7	9	15	.145
1945.....	97	318	36	55	159	5	1	0	5	39	43	4	21	33	.173
1946.....	46	147	34	28	59	1	1	1	3	41	39	4	12	7	.187
1947.....	101	309	34	47	118	6	2	0	9	49	42	14	21	23	.152
Total.....	397	1291	218	231	452	17	8	2	38	273	193	33	87	94	.179



DAPKUS, ELEANOR VIRGINIA

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 7 in. Weight: 160 lbs.
Born: 12-5-23, Chicago, Illinois. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

A sixth-year player with the Racine Belles, this Chicago girl still holds the all-time league record for home runs in one season and she wields one of the heaviest bats in girls professional baseball. A steady and consistent right fielder, Ellie last season turned her strong right arm to occasional pitching chores. In her first start, she went 22 innings against the South Bend Blue Sox before losing 4-3. In her next complete game, she pitched 18 innings against Grand Rapids only to lose by 2-1. This gave her a record of 40 innings pitched in two successive ball games, a record for endurance probably never matched by any pitcher. With her 1947 experience on the hill, it is likely that Ellie will appear frequently on the firing line in the new season.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943.....	89	309	65	68	113	6	5	10	5	25	30	3	42	36	.220
1944.....	103	362	48	99	132	10	4	5	2	46	34	1	56	17	.273
1945.....	100	345	26	79	225	9	2	0	7	21	46	3	37	21	.229
1946.....	112	403	49	102	249	6	9	8	6	25	51	2	57	36	.253
1947.....	112	398	25	86	189	7	5	2	13	16	35	2	41	59	.216
Total.....	516	1817	213	434	908	38	25	25	33	133	196	11	233	169	.239



ENGLISH, MADELINE KATHLEEN

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 4 in. Weight: 130 lbs.
Born: 2-22-25, Everett, Mass. Residence: Everett, Mass.

The popular Maddy is spending her sixth consecutive year at the hot corner for the Belles and she is one of the most aggressive and talented infielders in league history. At the end of the 1946 season, she was selected as the all-star third baseman on the mythical team chosen by the league managers. Her 1947 season was a disappointer at bat but she continued to play the type of aggressive and spirited ball that gave her high ranking in spite of a weak batting average. Fighting spirit, heads up play and the old college try combine to make Maddy one of the most valuable of league players and there are those who predict that she will find herself at the plate to become a top all-around star of the game.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943.....	101	359	69	79	87	0	4	0	9	75	33	1	23	21	.220
1944.....	112	371	50	45	53	2	3	0	6	65	61	4	21	37	.121
1945.....	99	349	33	54	142	1	1	0	17	24	43	3	16	41	.155
1946.....	75	257	21	55	113	1	1	1	14	39	24	1	21	19	.214
1947.....	103	335	31	44	122	2	1	1	22	47	36	2	30	49	.131
Total.....	490	1671	204	277	517	6	10	2	68	250	197	11	111	167	.165



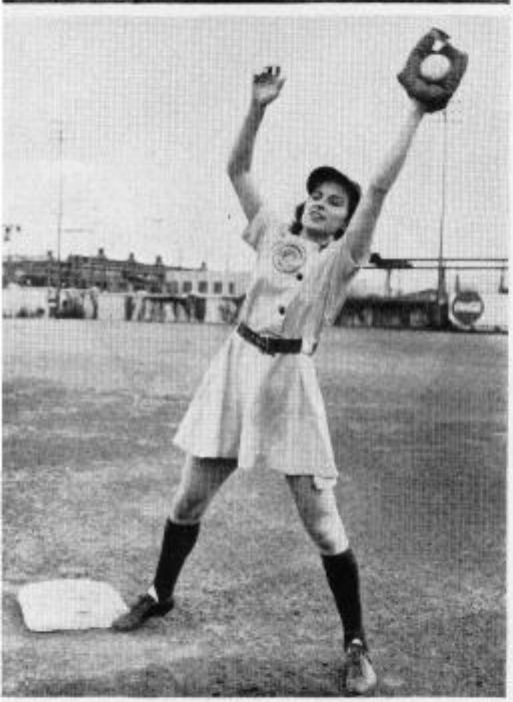


WINTER, JOANNE EMILY

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 7½ in. Weight: 138 lbs.
Born: 11-24-24, Maywood, Illinois. Residence: Racine, Wisconsin.

The popular Jo, who hails from Chicago and Phoenix and points west but who now calls Racine her home, has been with the Racine Belles for six years. After several seasons of industrious effort, she came into her own with a sensational pitching record in 1946 when she was picked as a member of the All-Star team and set a league record for 33 wins in one season. Joe never attained her best form in 1947 and as one of the last of the topnotch underhanders, her arm was never completely right at any time during the campaign. Nevertheless, she won 22 important games to retain her high ranking as a pitcher. Jo spent the off-season engaged in the confection business in Racine and worked hard on conversion to the side-arm pitch. Her success with the new delivery might have a great deal to do with the pennant chances of the Belles in 1948.

Year	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	ERA
1943.....	29	11	11	.500	200	826	201	121	57	23	47	13	1	6	2.57
1944.....	40	15	23	.395	310	1185	276	172	102	27	133	52	13	11	2.96
1945.....	34	7	22	.241	256	975	209	125	72	37	77	35	11	2	2.53
1946.....	46	33	10	.767	349	1212	199	82	46	39	132	183	14	14	1.19
1947.....	38	22	13	.629	297	1069	222	93	68	37	122	121	15	4	2.06
Total....	187	88	79	.527	1412	5267	1101	593	345	163	511	404	64	37	2.26



KURYS, SOPHIE MARY

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 5 in. Weight: 120 lbs.
Born: 5-14-25, Flint, Michigan. Residence: Flint, Michigan.

An outstanding star for six years with the Racine Belles, the Flint Flash lost none of her brilliance in the 1947 season, as she led the league for the fourth consecutive year in stolen bases and for the second straight year in runs scored. She holds a number of all-time league records and was selected as Player of the Year in 1946. She has played in every inning of 552 games played by the Belles over five seasons and her stolen base record for the same five years is an astounding 668. She holds the all-time fielding record for second basemen and ranked a close second in that department in 1947. For the second straight year, she won the nomination at the keystone sack on the league All-Star team.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943.....	106	383	60	104	135	8	7	3	15	44	28	2	59	21	.271
1944.....	116	394	87	96	112	7	3	1	9	166	69	7	60	32	.244
1945.....	105	347	73	83	260	6	2	1	19	115	69	5	15	27	.239
1946.....	113	392	117	112	249	5	6	3	10	201	93	10	33	31	.286
1947.....	112	432	81	99	192	8	6	2	2	142	49	7	19	31	.229
Total.....	552	1948	418	494	948	34	24	10	55	668	308	31	180	142	.254



TREZZA, BETTY

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 2 in. Weight: 125 lbs.
Born: 8-4-25, Brooklyn, N. Y. Residence: Brooklyn, N. Y.

One of the most talented all-around players in the league, this Brooklyn goil is competing for her fifth year and her third with the Belles. At various times, she has played second base, shortstop, third base and center field and in each position she has topped them all in fielding skill. The advent of the 1947 season saw Mo converting to the outfield and she took to the new assignment so readily that many of the experts were calling her the best defensive center fielder in the league before the season's end. She developed an uncanny knack for being in the right place at the right time, playing the batters intelligently and backing up her good judgment with great fleetness afoot and a rifle-like throwing arm. In her first season as an outfielder she tied a league record for participating in double plays.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1944.....	64	194	25	21	28	1	0	2	6	48	29	1	16	16	.108
1945.....	86	276	28	31	125	2	0	0	21	14	36	0	16	36	.112
1946.....	111	422	58	74	186	6	8	0	9	65	52	1	43	42	.175
1947.....	112	433	51	68	145	4	3	1	13	66	27	2	27	36	.157
Total.....	373	1325	162	194	584	13	11	3	49	193	144	4	102	130	.146

KOTOWICZ, IRENE KATHERINE

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 4½ in. Weight: 130 lbs.
Born: 12-10-23, Chicago, Illinois. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

She answers to the nickname of "Ike" and she is a fourth-year player in the All-American League. A product of Schurz High School on the northwest side of Chicago, she also played ball in the Chicago Metropolitan League with the Rockola team helping them to win championships in 1942 and 1944. She is also a basketball player of more than passing ability. Ike entered the AAGBL in 1945 as a member of the Rockford Peaches, who won the league honors in that year. In 1946, she roamed the outfield for the Fort Wayne Daisies. While spending the following winter in California, she turned to pitching and last season performed on the hill for Fort Wayne and Kenosha. She has displayed a wealth of stuff on the mound and as she fits into the local picture, she should become one of the most popular players to grace the Belles roster.

Year	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	ERA
1947	23	8	10	.444	162	583	120	69	47	33	64	30	13	3	2.61



ROMATOWSKI, JENNY

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 5½ in. Weight: 140 lbs.
Born: 9-13-27, Wyandotte, Mich. Residence: Wyandotte, Mich.

This is her first year in a Racine uniform, but the personable "Romey" has been in the AAGBL for three years. She started as an infielder with South Bend in 1946 and last year she switched to the Rockford Peaches, where she performed as a regular catcher, appearing behind the plate in 80 games. She started playing ball with local teams in her home town and eventually graduated to the Keller Girls' Club of Detroit, where she played left field, shortstop and catcher. She is planning to enter Michigan State Normal this fall to major in Physical Education. While baseball is her first love, she has also been active in speed skating and basketball. She has relatives in Racine and is all set for a big season with the Belles.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1946	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	.000
1947	80	220	15	27	53	0	0	0	15	9	12	6	6	25	.123
Total	90	229	15	27	53	0	0	0	15	9	13	6	6	28	.118



GIAN FRANCISCO, PHILOMENA THERESA

Bats: L. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 2½ in. Weight: 134 lbs.
Born: 4-20-23, Chicago, Illinois. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Call her Phil or Frisco or what you will, this gal with the long formal name is also long on baseball talent and brings real ability to the roster of the Belles. This is her fourth year in the AAGBL, the previous three having been spent roaming the outfield for the Grand Rapids Chicks. She is a product of Chicago amateur softball where she played some years ago for the winners of the Herald-American tournament. She was also a champion hurdler and toured the country with the famous Hurricanes in 1938. In 1946, she enjoyed a banner year with the Chicks, contributing a healthy batting average and hitting a long ball. A knee injury sidelined her most of last season but she underwent an operation to correct the trouble. The new season finds her sound as a dollar, happy to be with Racine and raring to go.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1945	21	39	6	6	19	1	0	0	0	1	9	0	1	6	.154
1946	98	342	34	77	226	9	2	2	8	21	38	6	53	33	.225
1947	32	98	13	16	53	2	1	0	5	6	12	2	5	13	.163
Total	151	479	53	99	398	12	3	2	13	28	59	8	59	52	.207





BUREKER, GERALDINE LEE

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 2 in. Weight: 125 lbs.
Born: 12-18-24, Portland, Oregon. Residence: Portland, Ore.

Gerry is a product of Washington High School in the city of her birth. She has played seven years of organized ball but this is her first season with the All-American Girls Baseball League. She was a member of the Tonseth Flowers who won the Oregon State Championship in 1945. She has played pro-amateur ball and organized professional ball in Chicago before catching the eye of AAGBL scouts and making the trip to Florida this spring. She is an outdoor girl with a fondness for fishing and hunting and she is adept at the game of tennis. During the off-season, she has worked as a telephone operator. Gerry made a good impression during the spring training period. She knows her way around the outfield and sports the kind of talent that can be developed into top flight material. Her appearances in 1948 will be well worth watching.



KIMBALL, MARY ELLEN

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 7 in. Weight: 148 lbs.
Born: 4-1-29, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Residence: Kalamazoo, Mich.

This beauteous blonde from Kalamazoo was born on April fool's day but the joke may be strictly on nine other teams in the AAGBL if she proves her potential talent with the Belles. Mary graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School and has since played ball with City Park teams in that area. She became interested in All-American baseball through the widely distributed moving picture "Diamond Gals," and followed up with a visit to Grand Rapids where she conferred with Johnny Rawlings of the Chicks. She is also a product of the AAGBL tryout school held in Chicago early this year. She carries the ideal baseball build and the typical All-American looks. While she has played mostly in the outfield, manager Murph has been experimenting with her potentialities as a pitcher. She is strong and willing and anxious to make good and she will get more than a little encouragement from Racine fans in her efforts.



TEZAK, VIRGINIA MAY RITA

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 6 in. Weight: 145 lbs.
Born: 5-22-28, Joliet, Illinois. Residence: Joliet, Illinois.

A graduate of Joliet Township High School, Ginny is now attending Joliet Junior College, where she is majoring in Physical Education. She is an all-around athlete, having played with championship basketball and baseball teams, winning honors in the City Parks, C.Y.O. and KSKJ leagues and tournaments. She has served as a swimming instructor at the Y.M.C.A., won a speed skating trophy in the City Parks meets of 1947-48 and was a runner-up in both singles and doubles of the City Tennis tournament. She has a brother who played football for Tulane. Ginny has all the attributes of a real ball player. She is tall, sturdy and packs potential power. She has played several positions in her baseball experience, including the outfield, first base and some pitching. Racine fans will be pulling for her continued development as a regular All-American.

VINCENT, GEORGETTE GLORIA

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 3½ in. Weight: 130 lbs.
Born: 7-5-28, Fall River, Mass. Residence: Fall River, Mass.

"Jetty" is a second-year player in the All-American with the Racine Belles. She is a product of New England girls softball circles, where she played with championship teams and performed in the outfield and at second base. Last season, she served strictly as an understudy and got an eyeful of the AAGBL style of play. She did not appear in a sufficient number of games to acquire an official batting average but has been groomed slowly for the day when she might take a turn on the mound as a regular pitcher. She has been working hard at her pitching chores this spring and is certain to be seen on the hill at Horlick Field during the 1948 season. At the same time, she will serve as valuable insurance to plug any gaps in the infield, particularly at shortstop and second base.



LEE, LAURIE ANN

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 7 in. Weight: 131 lbs.
Born: 1-3-31, Racine, Wisconsin. Residence: Racine, Wisconsin.

Laurie is a real product of Racine, having been born and raised in the Belle City and adds another home town girl to the roster of the Belles. The youthful pitching recruit is a student at Horlick High School. She has played with local girls softball teams for several years, including Oster, Metal Parts and Walker. She is an accomplished trombone player and plays regularly with a dance band. For several seasons, Laurie has been closely associated with the Belles, working out with them on numerous occasions and constantly striving to develop her pitching skill, from underhand, to sidearm and now, to the overhand style. Her promising work led to a spring training tryout with the league but she suffered misfortune in the form of a broken finger during the early days of training and this has somewhat retarded her progress. If hard work and ambition mean anything, Laurie will come along steadily to find a useful spot with the Belles.



JAMIESON, JANET

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 3 in. Weight: 136 lbs.
Born: 4-3-27, Minneapolis, Minn. Residence: Minneapolis, Minn.

She answers to the name of "Jamie" or "Jamo" and is a baseball product of the National League champions of Minneapolis. Educated at Central High in her home city, she has worked in the First National Bank. The stocky little catcher has also played at other positions, notably third base. She excels at the game of table tennis, having played in many tournaments and now ranking fifteenth in the nation among women players. She also likes badminton and was a winner at this sport in the Aquatennial tournament in the Twin Cities. This will be her first year in the All-American Girls Baseball League and while the style of play is new to her, she is a hard-working and willing recruit. Under the tutelage of old-time catcher Leo Murphy, her best talents are bound to be developed and it is hoped that she will become a valuable member of the cast.



ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL BATTING RECORDS 1947

(All Records Compiled by Howe News Bureau, Chicago)

CLUB BATTING

Club	G	AB	R	OR	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	LOB	Pct.
Muskegon	112	3505	340	247	781	1970	60	17	4	166	408	770	.223
Peoria	113	3520	361	396	764	1749	69	31	8	112	214	748	.217
Kenosha	112	3407	334	426	677	1467	55	40	12	106	278	645	.199
Rockford	112	3346	291	320	661	1393	46	29	10	141	305	588	.198
South Bend	113	3479	335	321	671	1831	60	40	3	146	312	679	.193
Grand Rapids	112	3427	312	261	656	1934	65	24	2	179	291	732	.191
Racine	112	3565	366	296	646	1363	54	25	9	101	446	688	.181
Fort Wayne	112	3389	294	366	595	1560	60	25	8	91	291	690	.176

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Ten or More Games

Name and Club	G	AB	R	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
*Kamenshek, Dorothy, Rockford	101	366	52	112	228	10	8	6	4	66	35	2	32	6	.306
Wagner, Audrey, Kenosha	107	390	48	119	295	25	9	7	1	39	32	5	53	25	.305
*Wisniewski, Connie, Grand Rapids	62	189	19	55	157	9	4	0	1	10	26	1	24	12	.291
Sams, Doris, Muskegon	107	346	31	97	255	9	5	0	23	40	28	6	41	33	.280
Farella, Lillian, Fort Wayne	32	68	7	19	42	3	2	0	0	7	1	2	4	8	.279
Haine, Audrey, 4 Grand Rapids-25 Peoria	29	69	8	19	39	2	0	0	4	1	6	1	5	4	.275
Lenard, Jo, Muskegon	111	391	58	102	281	10	1	0	13	83	39	8	38	30	.261
*Wisham, Mary, Peoria	110	399	47	104	252	9	11	3	6	34	32	3	43	32	.261
Gacioch, Rose, Rockford	100	338	23	87	181	5	3	1	16	31	25	2	31	20	.257
Kobuczewski, Theresa, 17 Kenosha-14 Ft. W.	31	79	12	20	39	1	0	1	2	5	2	0	3	3	.253
Pryer, Charlene, Muskegon	108	422	51	105	225	3	2	1	17	76	22	10	20	23	.249
Reynolds, Mary, Peoria	113	400	40	98	247	17	5	1	4	7	39	4	42	29	.245
*Callow, Eleanor, Peoria	51	143	18	35	82	5	2	0	2	7	3	0	14	11	.245
Applegren, Irene, Muskegon	27	75	3	18	39	2	0	0	2	1	7	1	3	11	.240
Perlick, Edythe, Racine	112	436	62	104	214	11	6	2	1	83	21	5	39	19	.239
Dancer, Faye, 47 Ft. Wayne-59 Peoria	106	380	51	90	201	11	1	2	12	71	43	3	26	30	.237
Stefani, Marge, South Bend	99	337	34	80	240	7	1	2	30	27	33	7	38	13	.237
Wawryshyn, Evelyn, Muskegon	36	93	10	22	49	2	2	0	4	4	7	1	7	7	.237
Faut, Jean, South Bend	56	123	8	29	77	3	3	0	5	5	18	0	11	15	.236
Mahon, Elizabeth, South Bend	83	299	26	70	172	5	8	0	3	22	15	2	23	12	.234
*Reeser, Sara, Muskegon	110	398	36	92	236	6	3	0	39	36	30	4	21	25	.231
Kurys, Sophie, Racine	112	432	81	99	192	8	6	2	2	142	49	7	19	31	.229
*Hill, Joyce, Peoria	90	251	24	57	131	5	2	0	8	16	36	7	19	26	.227
Wirth, Senaida, South Bend	73	229	35	52	138	0	1	0	21	32	42	5	5	20	.227
Paire, Lavonne, Racine	112	430	35	97	201	14	0	0	9	18	29	4	50	17	.226
Meyer, Rita, Peoria	83	257	18	58	155	4	2	1	9	5	13	2	30	16	.226
Pieper, Marjorie, 64 Ft. Wayne-45 Kenosha	109	369	33	83	212	11	5	5	6	31	34	4	38	30	.225
Machado, Helene, Fort Wayne	90	301	26	67	166	6	3	0	7	27	24	11	23	23	.223
Baker, Mary, South Bend	106	369	54	80	185	5	1	0	13	58	40	8	20	32	.217
Stolze, Dorothy, Muskegon	103	383	44	83	205	5	0	0	15	65	24	7	22	18	.217
Wilson, Dodie, Peoria	79	230	17	50	113	1	1	0	5	16	21	5	23	22	.217
Dapkus, Eleanor, Racine	112	398	25	86	189	7	5	2	13	16	35	2	41	59	.216
Eisen, Thelma, 47 Peoria-64 Ft. Wayne	111	425	49	92	185	5	1	3	1	52	26	5	26	13	.216
Maguire, Dorothy, Muskegon	75	232	28	50	142	6	1	0	6	27	22	4	24	14	.216
*Briggs, Rita, Rockford	79	270	26	58	126	3	1	1	15	26	25	2	15	28	.215
*Voyce, Inez, Grand Rapids	113	383	27	82	236	5	4	1	9	19	30	10	45	15	.214
Deegan, Mildred, 20 Rockford-35 Kenosha	55	131	14	28	65	4	5	0	3	4	8	2	8	8	.214
Luna, Betty, Rockford	47	117	11	25	59	3	1	0	6	2	5	0	17	6	.214
Jochum, Betsy, South Bend	105	402	36	85	235	11	5	0	6	44	17	2	42	15	.211
Lobrovich, Claire, 77 Kenosha-4 Rockford	81	258	22	54	128	3	2	0	2	15	23	6	21	27	.209
Rountree, Mary, Fort Wayne	53	148	10	31	82	2	3	0	4	12	13	3	9	7	.209
*Hohlmayer, Alice, Kenosha	90	298	24	62	135	7	6	0	5	8	22	6	24	47	.208
Naum, Dorothy, Kenosha	83	232	26	48	78	0	0	0	11	22	28	3	9	13	.207
Shively, Twila, Grand Rapids	104	369	42	76	207	9	2	1	18	51	30	3	27	51	.206
Kellogg, Vivian, Fort Wayne	100	354	18	73	181	10	6	0	3	21	17	5	23	19	.206
Lessing, Ruth, Grand Rapids	111	396	24	81	234	9	3	0	17	19	32	4	42	26	.205
Mahoney, Marie, South Bend	47	147	14	30	96	3	7	1	1	13	6	6	13	23	.204
Harnett, Ann, Peoria	110	414	47	84	193	8	4	0	9	13	23	4	29	18	.203
Fischer, Alva Jo, Muskegon	112	361	22	73	216	7	3	0	21	28	31	4	35	23	.202
Harrell, Dorothy, Rockford	99	351	31	71	164	6	5	1	19	34	24	4	41	18	.202
Villa, Margaret, Kenosha	105	353	45	71	181	3	6	1	18	36	52	5	30	32	.201
Callaghan, Margaret, Fort Wayne	104	324	40	65	193	2	1	1	14	57	61	10	23	63	.201
Holgerson, Marjory, Rockford	40	111	8	22	48	0	3	0	0	5	5	2	7	10	.198
Warren, Nancy, Muskegon	31	81	6	16	31	1	0	0	4	2	1	0	5	10	.198
Vonderau, Kathryn, Muskegon	45	148	9	29	60	3	0	0	4	5	5	1	9	8	.196
Denton, Mona, Kenosha	26	51	3	10	15	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	2	19	.196
Pirok, Pauline, South Bend	113	400	51	77	195	6	4	0	27	53	24	9	17	21	.193
Florreich, Lois, Rockford	55	153	8	29	61	2	1	0	4	18	11	1	12	11	.190
Haylett, Alice, Grand Rapids	31	90	6	17	57	4	0	0	8	1	3	2	12	7	.189
DeCambra, Alice, 37 Ft. Wayne-61 Peoria	98	307	35	57	125	3	0	0	16	24	17	4	12	16	.186
Filarski, Helen, 6 Peoria-66 Kenosha	72	227	22	42	85	3	1	0	10	14	35	2	12	21	.185
Bergman, Erma, Muskegon	28	76	5	14	38	1	1	0	5	2	5	0	6	6	.184
Ziegler, Alma, Grand Rapids	112	388	55	71	198	4	0	0	26	67	62	8	8	36	.183
Carey, Mary, Peoria	67	194	17	35	74	1	0	0	15	12	17	1	16	14	.180
Mueller, Dorothy, Peoria	53	122	10	22	61	1	3	0	5	0	2	1	7	11	.180
Stephens, Ruby, South Bend	33	61	6	11	25	2	0	0	4	0	9	1	3	17	.180
†Lee, Annabelle, 4 Peoria-20 Grand Rapids	24	50	2	9	21	0	0	0	1	4	5	2	1	5	.180
Tetzlaff, Doris, Grand Rapids	89	285	27	51	175	4	2	0	20	31	46	5	18	22	.179
Kelly, Jacqueline, South Bend	44	107	7	19	65	3	2	0	0	4	9	0	13	28	.178
Richard, Ruth, Grand Rapids	47	147	5	26	71	3	1	0	6	2	4	4	7	13	.177
Petras, Ernestine, Grand Rapids	112	394	45	69	212	6	3	0	29	51	29	8	25	31	.175
Wegman, Marie, Rockford	101	297	19	52	102	4	1	1	8	18	24	3	10	43	.175
O'Hara, Janice, Kenosha	51	110	8	19	37	3	3	0	5	7	7	2	8	5	.173
Schroeder, Dorothy, 57 Kenosha-43 Ft. Wayne	100	344	40	59	133	4	3	0	19	32	37	8	19	41	.172

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INDIVIDUAL BATTING CONTINUED

Ten or more Games

Name and Club	G	AB	R	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
Heafner, Ruby, Fort Wayne	65	198	14	34	88	7	0	0	5	5	20	4	14	36	.172
Cook, Donna, Muskegon	48	134	6	23	49	1	0	0	4	4	4	1	7	8	.172
Wingrove, Elsie, Grand Rapids	81	243	20	41	92	5	0	0	11	14	15	1	8	23	.169
Doyle, Cartha, Rockford	59	166	5	28	49	4	0	0	9	2	5	1	7	24	.169
*Barr, Doris, Racine	33	60	7	10	16	1	2	0	8	0	20	0	4	14	.167
Jacobs, Jane, Racine	13	24	1	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	.167
Ferguson, Dorothy, Rockford	112	367	51	61	144	2	1	0	20	71	52	16	20	39	.166
Cione, Jean, 3 Rockford-62 Kenosha	65	163	15	27	68	1	5	1	2	10	8	1	11	38	.166
Johnson, Arlene, Muskegon	112	345	32	57	168	5	0	2	13	34	34	3	22	73	.165
Schollenberger, Fern, Kenosha	81	273	19	45	79	3	1	0	10	18	15	2	10	13	.165
Donahue, Terry, Peoria	49	115	12	19	44	1	0	0	9	3	11	4	4	10	.165
Sanvitis, Irene, Rockford	21	67	3	11	19	1	1	0	1	3	3	0	2	4	.164
Stoll, Jane, Grand Rapids	71	203	16	33	133	2	4	0	9	21	40	7	12	41	.163
*Francisco, Philomena, Grand Rapids	32	98	13	16	53	2	1	0	5	6	12	2	5	13	.163
Winter, Joanne, Racine	42	105	8	17	38	3	0	0	6	4	15	0	8	16	.162
Blumetta, Kay, 11 Peoria-16 Ft. Wayne	27	62	3	10	22	1	0	0	3	1	4	0	2	9	.161
Trezza, Betty, Racine	112	433	51	68	145	4	3	1	13	66	27	2	27	36	.157
Whiting, Betty, Fort Wayne	110	356	31	56	152	6	1	1	10	31	34	12	19	30	.157
Koehn, Phyllis, South Bend	49	128	4	20	56	1	3	0	2	1	7	0	11	13	.156
Meier, Naomi, 68 Rockford-24 Ft. Wayne	92	308	27	47	110	3	2	1	5	16	25	6	18	38	.153
Hickson, Irene, Racine	101	309	34	47	118	6	2	0	9	49	42	14	21	23	.152
Smith, Shirley, Peoria	61	171	14	26	59	1	0	0	8	8	21	3	6	19	.152
Metrolis, Norma, Racine	18	47	2	7	10	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	2	4	.149
Hutchison, Anna May, Racine	44	123	5	18	34	1	0	0	3	1	5	1	5	11	.146
Earp, Mildred, Grand Rapids	35	89	2	13	34	1	0	0	7	1	4	0	2	17	.146
Marshall, Theda, South Bend	113	362	27	51	150	10	5	0	12	27	24	8	31	79	.141
Abbott, Velma, Fort Wayne	89	269	27	38	107	2	2	1	7	18	27	5	15	28	.141
Crigler, Idona, South Bend	20	65	2	9	23	0	0	0	2	0	5	1	0	7	.138
Williams, Ruth, South Bend	26	59	2	8	22	0	0	0	2	2	6	1	1	12	.136
Fabac, Betty, Kenosha	90	294	32	39	96	0	0	1	15	40	33	4	18	25	.133
Junor, Daisy, South Bend	90	248	17	33	108	2	1	0	13	17	16	4	14	41	.133
English, Madeline, Racine	103	335	31	44	122	2	1	1	22	47	36	2	30	49	.131
Wood, Mary, Kenosha	70	211	13	27	56	1	0	0	7	26	28	3	6	41	.128
Kotowicz, Irene, 12 Ft. Wayne-11 Kenosha	23	55	2	7	16	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	2	4	.127
Kabick, Josephine, Peoria	31	80	2	10	19	1	0	0	4	2	3	1	1	13	.125
Fox, Helen, 14 Kenosha-12 Rockford	26	56	3	7	13	1	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	8	.125
Danhauser, Margaret, Racine	112	364	21	45	98	0	0	1	15	15	27	6	20	28	.124
Romatowski, Jenny, Rockford	80	220	15	27	53	0	0	0	15	9	12	6	6	25	.123
Brumfield, Delores, South Bend	39	103	8	12	39	0	0	0	5	6	15	1	4	15	.117
Fisher, Lorraine, Rockford	51	129	7	15	40	1	1	0	8	2	7	1	9	14	.116
Barnett, Charlene, Grand Rapids	33	78	7	9	25	0	0	0	7	0	3	0	4	10	.115
Lonetto, Sarah, Racine	22	61	0	7	8	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	12	.115
Green, Dorothy, Rockford	14	26	1	3	6	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	3	.115
DeNoble, Jerre, Peoria	21	28	3	3	6	1	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	11	.107
Wenzell, Marge, 7 Peoria-24 Ft. Wayne	31	72	4	7	21	1	0	0	4	11	14	1	0	13	.097
Dabbs, Mavis, Fort Wayne	12	22	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	.091
Pollitt, Margaret, Rockford	18	39	1	3	10	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	5	.077
Tucker, Betty, 17 Ft. Wayne-1 Rkfd.-3 Gr. R.	21	28	3	2	8	0	0	0	3	5	2	0	1	8	.071
Kruckel, Marie, Fort Wayne	23	60	3	4	17	0	0	0	3	4	7	1	3	13	.067
Satterfield, Doris, Grand Rapids	12	21	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	4	.048
Collins, Dorothy, Fort Wayne	40	85	5	2	16	0	0	0	7	2	11	2	1	30	.024
Harney, Elise, Fort Wayne	17	32	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	10	.000

Players in Less Than Ten Games

Name and Club	G	AB	H	Pct.
Teillet, Yolande, Kenosha	2	3	1	.333
Kellogg, Vivian, South Bend	1	4	1	.250
Bittner, Jayne, South Bend	9	16	3	.188
Smith, Helen, Kenosha	5	8	1	.125
Little, Alta, Muskegon	7	10	1	.100
Weeks, Rossey, Rockford	7	17	1	.059
Pratt, Mary, Rockford	4	10	0	.000
Vincent, Georgette, Racine	4	7	0	.000

Name and Club	G	AB	H	Pct.
Dennert, Pauline, Muskegon	3	4	0	.000
Meachem, Mildred, 1 Ft. Wayne-1 Racine	2	2	0	.000
Arbor, Beatrice, Racine	1	1	0	.000
Barringer, Patricia, Muskegon	1	1	0	.000
Haines, Martha, Kenosha	1	1	0	.000
Malach, Kay, Fort Wayne	1	1	0	.000
Thompson, Viola, South Bend	1	1	0	.000

ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE PITCHING RECORDS 1947

Forty-five or More Innings

Name and Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	ERA
Earp, Mildred, Grand Rapids	35	20	8	.714	280	967	172	30	21	19	32	192	7	1	.068
Sams, Doris, Muskegon	19	11	4	.733	138	467	81	26	15	19	28	34	4	1	0.98
Applegren, Irene, Muskegon	27	16	10	.615	220	715	113	41	26	38	81	62	11	3	1.06
Warren, Nancy, Muskegon	31	17	11	.607	223	807	142	54	28	26	25	93	10	0	1.13
Faut, Jean, South Bend	44	19	13	.594	298	1017	179	56	38	37	67	97	10	2	1.15
Cione, Jean, 2 Rockford-35 Kenosha	37	19	14	.576	271	946	146	80	39	24	73	98	25	10	1.30
Collins, Dorothy, Fort Wayne	40	20	14	.588	292	983	156	57	43	37	88	244	14	4	1.33
Hutchison, Anna May, Racine	44	27	13	.675	360	1261	230	77	55	38	72	120	11	5	1.38
Mueller, Dorothy, Peoria	48	21	13	.618	312	1109	187	88	49	33	75	112	14	4	1.41
Cook, Donna, Muskegon	25	14	8	.636	178	617	101	49	28	21	58	54	13	1	1.42
Luna, Betty, Rockford	29	11	14	.440	234	799	142	59	43	36	81	75	8	6	1.65
Florreich, Lois, Rockford	35	13	19	.406	257	862	132	70	48	34	102	90	15	4	1.68
Williams, Ruth, South Bend	25	12	8	.600	180	638	115	51	34	27	50	48	8	0	1.70
Bergman, Erma, Muskegon	27	11	10	.524	207	734	137	74	40	19	71	47	6	3	1.74
Hohlmayer, Alice, Kenosha	16	7	6	.538	129	473	105	37	27	15	12	16	5	1	1.88
Haylett, Alice, Grand Rapids	31	19	11	.633	258	898	169	78	56	32	67	92	13	6	1.95
Farella, Lillian, Fort Wayne	22	3	12	.200	123	441	87	53	27	18	56	26	7	1	1.98

ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE PITCHING RECORDS 1947 (Con't)

Forty-five or more Innings

Name and Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	ERA
Winter, Joanne, Racine	38	22	13	.629	297	1069	222	93	68	37	122	121	15	4	2.06
Wisniewski, Connie, Grand Rapids	32	16	14	.533	264	972	223	82	63	35	49	44	1	7	2.15
Koehn, Phylis, South Bend	34	16	16	.500	265	952	191	98	64	38	76	73	17	8	2.17
Lee, Annabelle, 4 Peoria-20 Grand Rapids	24	9	11	.450	165	595	140	61	41	29	37	29	5	0	2.24
Barr, Doris, Racine	30	14	12	.538	219	763	144	78	55	20	91	96	8	7	2.26
Deegan, Mildred, 11 Rockford-10 Kenosha	21	8	9	.471	133	497	103	61	34	14	63	61	12	5	2.30
Kabick, Josephine, Peoria	31	13	16	.448	231	870	191	101	60	20	71	78	2	8	2.34
Fisher, Lorraine, Rockford	13	4	4	.500	69	236	44	22	18	14	20	24	8	3	2.35
Kobuczewski, Theresa, 17 Kenosha-13 Ft. W.	30	11	15	.423	208	754	158	95	56	32	64	47	5	1	2.42
Holgerson, Marjory, Rockford	27	9	15	.375	201	709	138	80	54	36	77	48	15	3	2.42
Dapkus, Eleanor, Racine	5	0	3	.000	55	187	32	17	15	7	27	23	7	3	2.45
Kotowicz, Irene, 12 Ft. Wayne-11 Kenosha	23	8	10	.444	162	583	120	69	47	33	64	30	13	3	2.61
Fox, Helen, 14 Kenosha-12 Rockford	26	6	16	.273	175	625	135	74	51	19	99	90	0	8	2.62
Blumetta, Kay, 11 Peoria-16 Ft. Wayne	27	9	14	.391	193	706	171	79	60	22	69	105	8	4	2.80
Stephens, Ruby, South Bend	31	9	15	.375	194	703	162	86	62	25	70	25	13	2	2.88
Haine, Audrey, 4 Grd. Rapids-24 Peoria	28	13	12	.520	199	720	139	96	64	23	82	58	24	7	2.89
Jacobs, Jane, Racine	13	2	6	.250	71	255	46	31	23	9	31	6	4	0	2.92
Meyer, Rita, Peoria	13	3	6	.333	75	259	45	41	26	15	48	56	17	6	3.12
O'Hara, Janice, Kenosha	21	6	8	.429	118	447	122	58	46	17	33	20	9	1	3.51
Denton, Mona, Kenosha	23	1	10	.091	112	435	108	75	44	22	35	20	4	1	3.54
Tucker, Betty, 12 Ft. Wayne-1 Rkfd.-3 Gr. R.	16	0	12	.000	92	346	88	63	38	22	36	18	20	5	3.72
Harney, Elise, Fort Wayne	17	2	10	.167	107	412	114	61	45	18	43	24	3	6	3.79
DeCambra, Alice, 12 Ft. Wayne-2 Peoria	14	4	3	.571	70	276	67	41	33	12	19	17	3	2	4.24

TIES: Stephens 2; Florreich, Faut, Kabick, Mueller, 1 each.

BALKS: Stephens, 6; Cione, 5; Meyer, Holgerson, Deegan, Mueller, 3 each; Koehn, Haylett, Hutchison, Earp, 2 each; Denton, Tucker, Harney, Blumetta, Haine, Jacobs, Kotowicz, Hohlmayer, Farella, Winter, Florreich, Cook, Faut, Applegren, 1 each.

Less Than Forty-five Innings

Name and Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HB	WP	BK
Bittner, Jayne, South Bend	8	1	2	.333	35	35	15	6	8	8	2	0	1
Dancer, Faye, Peoria	4	1	2	.333	26	32	15	12	11	5	2	2	0
Reynolds, Mary, Peoria	3	0	3	.000	17	16	7	5	6	2	1	0	0
Pratt, Mary, Rockford	4	0	2	.000	27	28	23	19	8	1	2	0	0

Pitchers Without a Decision

Name and Club	G	IP
Pirok, Pauline, South Bend	3	8
Richard, Ruth, Grand Rapids	3	7
Wagner, Audrey, Kenosha	2	5
Gacioch, Rose, Rockford	1	4
Satterfield, Doris, Grand Rapids	1	2
Thompson, Viola, South Bend	1	1
Harnett, Ann, Peoria	1	1
Little, Alta, Muskegon	1	½

ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE FIELDING RECORDS 1947

CLUB FIELDING

Club	G	DP	TP	PB	PO	A	E	Pct.
Grand Rapids	112	54	1	5	2986	1383	164	.964
Racine	112	40	0	11	3002	1154	179	.959
Muskegon	112	49	0	6	2903	1349	208	.953
South Bend	113	54	0	17	2938	1535	245	.948
Rockford	112	50	0	12	2860	1384	250	.944
Peoria	113	45	0	19	2847	1177	240	.944
Kenosha	112	44	0	18	2853	1421	264	.942
Fort Wayne	112	43	0	14	2840	1103	245	.941

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING

Ten or More Games

FIRST BASEMEN

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
*Reeser, Muskegon	110	1213	31	13	31	.990
*Voyce, Grand Rapids	113	1269	22	15	43	.989
*Kamenshek, Rockford	101	1157	34	15	26	.988
Danhauser, Racine	112	1056	63	14	22	.988
*Wisham, Peoria	110	1091	18	18	29	.984
Whiting, Fort Wayne	20	157	5	3	5	.982
Kellogg, Fort Wayne	97	754	36	16	21	.980
Marshall, South Bend	112	1304	37	42	45	.970
*Hohlmayer, Kenosha	76	847	20	30	17	.967
*Cione, Rockford-Kenosha	20	202	3	7	3	.967
O'Hara, Kenosha	22	244	10	10	3	.962

(Triple Play—Voyce.)

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SECOND BASEMEN

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Abbott, Fort Wayne	25	52	35	2	3	.978
Filarski, Peoria-Kenosha	13	18	24	1	4	.977
Ziegler, Grand Rapids	112	284	241	15	33	.972
Wirth, South Bend	27	51	50	3	4	.971
Kurys, Racine	112	322	215	18	14	.968
Stefani, South Bend	86	245	200	16	24	.965
Wawryshyn, Muskegon	11	24	20	2	0	.957
Fabac, Kenosha	81	131	175	14	10	.956
DeCambra, Ft. W.-Peo	79	173	138	16	17	.951
Doyle, Rockford	46	74	97	9	7	.950
Stolze, Muskegon	102	255	231	28	18	.946
Ferguson, Rockford	43	88	86	10	9	.946
Sanvitis, Rockford	19	39	28	4	3	.944
Callaghan, Fort Wayne	64	133	83	14	14	.939
Smith, Peoria	36	61	56	9	5	.929
Deegan, Rkfd.-Kenosha	23	47	36	8	1	.912

(Triple Play—Ziegler)

THIRD BASEMEN

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Trezza, Racine	15	19	32	2	0	.962
Carey, Peoria	13	24	18	2	1	.955
Schollenberger, Kenosha	54	75	165	13	6	.949
Johnson, Muskegon	112	117	254	23	10	.942
Stefani, South Bend	12	13	43	3	2	.939
Tetzlaff, Grand Rapids	89	136	233	25	14	.937
Reynolds, Peoria	93	186	217	28	15	.935
Pirok, South Bend	47	70	159	17	11	.931
Villa, Kenosha	19	27	42	6	3	.920
Crigler, South Bend	20	32	47	7	3	.919
English, Racine	101	172	232	37	14	.916
Barnett, Grand Rapids	28	39	62	11	0	.902
Filarski, Peo.-Ken	43	74	120	22	4	.898
Wegman, Rockford	96	126	252	51	11	.881
Callaghan, Fort Wayne	38	95	89	26	5	.876
Brumfield, South Bend	32	42	85	18	3	.876
Abbott, Fort Wayne	56	83	97	29	3	.861
Wenzell, Peo.-Ft. W	14	21	27	9	2	.842

SHORTSTOPS

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Petras, Grand Rapids	112	255	356	38	29	.942
Pirok, South Bend	68	129	236	27	15	.931
Wirth, South Bend	47	71	148	19	7	.920
Schroeder, Ken.-Ft. W	100	215	231	44	20	.910
Harrell, Rockford	98	206	275	49	19	.908
Paire, Racine	112	190	266	49	12	.903
Fischer, Muskegon	112	217	311	58	22	.901
Carey, Peoria	50	82	96	21	7	.894
Pieper, Ft. W.-Ken	109	245	247	61	10	.890
Meyer, Peoria	66	106	143	42	4	.856

(Triple Play—Petras)

OUTFIELDERS

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Smith, Peoria	22	18	4	0	0	1.000
Reynolds, Peoria	18	17	5	0	1	1.000
Schollenberger, Kenosha	18	16	5	0	0	1.000
Pryer, Muskegon	108	204	15	1	2	.995
Villa, Kenosha	54	95	8	1	0	.990
Dapkus, Racine	110	134	16	2	3	.987
Junor, South Bend	90	157	9	3	1	.982
Lenard, Muskegon	110	152	11	3	2	.982
Perlick, Racine	112	237	3	5	0	.980
Shively, Grand Rapids	102	176	10	4	3	.979
Trezza, Racine	99	199	13	5	7	.977
Stoll, Grand Rapids	70	107	12	3	3	.975
Wagner, Kenosha	107	140	9	4	4	.974
Wingrove, Grand Rapids	77	87	13	3	2	.971
Whiting, Fort Wayne	95	113	6	4	2	.967
Harnett, Peoria	100	221	7	8	1	.966
*Cook, Muskegon	22	23	4	1	2	.964
Dancer, Ft. Wayne-Peoria	101	186	21	8	1	.963
Eisen, Peoria-Ft. Wayne	111	207	20	9	6	.962
Briggs, Rockford	56	94	7	4	0	.962
Gacioch, Rockford	100	127	31	7	3	.958
Jochum, South Bend	105	161	11	8	1	.956
Meier, Rockford-Ft. Wayne	91	136	3	7	0	.952
Wood, Kenosha	69	110	10	6	3	.952
Callow, Peoria	41	34	6	2	1	.952
Machado, Ft. Wayne	90	180	8	10	2	.949
Lonetto, Racine	16	17	1	1	0	.947
Mahon, South Bend	82	78	9	5	2	.946
Ferguson, Rockford	60	90	9	6	2	.944
Sams, Muskegon	91	124	31	10	6	.939
Fisher, Rockford	38	47	6	4	2	.930
Wawryshyn, Muskegon	13	11	2	1	0	.929
Lobrovich, Ken.-Rkfd	77	69	7	6	0	.927
Richard, Grand Rapids	39	46	2	4	0	.923
DeNoble, Peoria	11	12	0	1	0	.923
Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	22	32	2	3	0	.919
Mahoney, South Bend	45	47	2	5	1	.907
Francisco, Grand Rapids	32	24	3	3	1	.900
Filarski, Peoria-Kenosha	10	7	2	1	0	.900
*Wilson, Peoria	64	44	7	8	0	.864
Kelly, South Bend	23	18	0	3	0	.857
Kruckel, Ft. Wayne	12	4	3	2	1	.778

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PITCHERS

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Sams, Muskegon	19	19	65	1	3	.988
O'Hara, Kenosha	21	8	47	1	3	.982
DeCambra, Ft. W.-Peo	14	7	32	1	1	.975
*Hohlmayer, Kenosha	16	12	51	2	1	.969
Farella, Ft. Wayne	22	16	44	2	3	.968
Collins, Ft. Wayne	40	29	54	3	3	.965
Mueller, Peoria	48	46	166	9	3	.959
Florreich, Rockford	35	24	136	7	4	.958
*Applegren, Muskegon	27	24	66	4	1	.957
Blumetta, Peo.-Ft. W	27	16	43	3	1	.952
Fox, Kenosha-Rockford	26	13	26	2	1	.950
Williams, South Bend	25	17	58	4	3	.949
Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	32	17	93	6	4	.948
*Lee, Peoria-Grd. Rpds	24	7	62	4	3	.945
Earp, Grand Rapids	35	24	76	6	1	.943
Winter, Racine	38	22	91	7	4	.942
Faut, South Bend	44	24	133	11	6	.935
*Barr, Racine	30	25	47	5	1	.935
Koehn, South Bend	34	10	111	9	2	.931
Fisher, Rockford	13	5	21	2	0	.929
Warren, Muskegon	31	21	75	8	1	.923
Holgerson, Rockford	27	14	78	8	1	.920
Denton, Kenosha	23	10	46	5	1	.918
Meyer, Peoria	13	13	30	4	2	.915
Haylett, Grand Rapids	31	14	90	10	1	.912
Luna, Rockford	29	23	87	11	3	.909
Bergman, Muskegon	27	12	95	11	1	.907
Hutchison, Racine	44	34	71	11	2	.905
Deegan, Rkfd.-Kenosha	21	10	47	6	0	.905
*Cione, Rockford-Kenosha	37	21	144	18	5	.902
Kobuczewski, Ken.-Ft. W	30	14	80	11	1	.895
Harney, Ft. Wayne	17	6	28	4	0	.895
*Cook, Muskegon	25	17	50	8	1	.893
Haine, Grd. Rpds.-Peoria	28	13	47	8	0	.882
Tucker, Ft. W.-Rkfd.-G. R.	16	6	37	6	2	.878
Stephens, South Bend	31	9	74	13	1	.885
Kabick, Peoria	31	18	50	13	0	.840
Kotowicz, Ft. W.-Ken	23	11	67	15	1	.839
Jacobs, Racine	23	1	16	4	0	.810

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CATCHERS

Name and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PB	Pct.
Briggs, Rockford	19	56	16	1	1	2	.986
Lessing, Grd. Rpds	111	473	88	13	7	3	.977
Hickson, Racine	100	497	71	14	6	11	.976
Vonderau, Muskegon	43	169	24	5	5	4	.975
Baker, South Bend	102	383	86	14	7	12	.971
Heafner, Ft. Wayne	65	292	64	13	6	3	.965
Green, Rockford	14	40	10	2	3	2	.962
Romatowski, Rkfd	80	332	58	17	10	2	.958
Rountree, Ft. Wayne	47	243	43	15	7	10	.950
Naum, Kenosha	80	287	56	20	11	12	.945
Maguire, Muskegon	72	269	63	21	6	3	.941
Donahue, Peoria	39	139	21	10	2	4	.941
Hill, Peoria	87	304	65	24	8	14	.939
Villa, Kenosha	34	116	31	10	1	5	.936
Metrolis, Racine	17	72	0	5	2	0	.935
Kelly, South Bend	17	25	3	6	0	4	.824

ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE ALL-TIME RECORDS 1943-1947

INDIVIDUAL BATTING RECORDS

Highest Percentage

.332—Gladys Davis, Rockford—1943.

BY YEARS

1943—Gladys Davis, Rockford	.332
1944—Betsy Jochum, South Bend	.296
1945—Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne	.299
1946—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford	.316
1947—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford	.306

Most Times at Bat

447—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford—1944.

BY YEARS

1943—Betsy Jochum, South Bend	439
1944—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford	447
1945—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford	419
1946—Edythe Perlick, Racine	431
1947—Edythe Perlick, Racine	436

Most Runs Scored

117—Sophie Kurys, Racine—1946
BY YEARS
1943—Shirley Jameson, Kenosha..... 111
1944—Sophie Kurys, Racine..... 87
1945—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford..... 80
1946—Sophie Kurys, Racine..... 117
1947—Sophie Kurys, Racine..... 81

Most Runs Batted In

72—Elizabeth Mahon, South Bend—1946.
BY YEARS
1943—Ann Harnett, Kenosha..... 69
1944—Edythe Perlick, Racine..... 63
1945—Rose Gacioch, Rockford..... 44
1946—Elizabeth Mahon, South Bend..... 72
1947—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha..... 53

Most Hits

129—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford—1946.
BY YEARS
1943—Betsy Jochum, South Bend..... 120
1944—Betsy Jochum, South Bend..... 128
1945—Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne..... 122
1946—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford..... 129
1947—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha..... 119

Most Long Hits (Doubles, Triples, Home Runs)

41—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha—1947.
BY YEARS
1943—Ann Harnett, Kenosha..... 26
1944—Eleanor Dapkus, Racine..... 19
1945—Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne..... 24
1946—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha..... 29
1947—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha..... 41

Most Singles

120—Betsy Jochum, South Bend—1944.
Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford—1946.
BY YEARS
1943—Betsy Jochum, South Bend..... 100
1944—Betsy Jochum, South Bend..... 120
1945—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford..... 102
1946—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford..... 120
1947—Charlene Pryer, Muskegon..... 99

Most Doubles

25—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha—1947.
BY YEARS
1943—Betsy Jochum, South Bend..... 12
1944—Eleanor Dapkus, Racine..... 10
Pauline Pirok, Kenosha..... 10
1945—Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne..... 17
1946—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha..... 15
Merle Keagle, Grand Rapids..... 15
1947—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha..... 25

Most Triples

11—Marge Stefani, South Bend—1943.
Mary Wisham, Peoria—1947.
BY YEARS
1943—Marge Stefani, South Bend..... 11
1944—Jo Lenard, Rockford..... 10
1945—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha..... 9
1946—Rose Gacioch, Rockford..... 9
Thelma Eisen, Peoria..... 9
Eleanor Dapkus, Racine..... 9
1947—Mary Wisham, Peoria..... 11

Most Home Runs

10—Eleanor Dapkus, Racine—1943.
BY YEARS
1943—Eleanor Dapkus, Racine..... 10
1944—Merle Keagle, Milwaukee..... 7
1945—Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne..... 3
Faye Dancer, Fort Wayne..... 3
1946—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha..... 9
1947—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha..... 7

Most Total Advanced Bases

336—Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne—1945.
BY YEARS
1943—None.
1944—None.
1945—Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne..... 336
1946—Elizabeth Mahon, South Bend..... 326
1947—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha..... 295

Most Stolen Bases

201—Sophie Kurys, Racine—1946.
BY YEARS
1943—Shirley Jameson, Kenosha..... 126
1944—Sophie Kurys, Racine..... 166
1945—Sophie Kurys, Racine..... 115
1946—Sophie Kurys, Racine..... 201
1947—Sophie Kurys, Racine..... 142

Most Bases on Balls

93—Sophie Kurys, Racine—1946.
BY YEARS
1943—Marge Stefani, South Bend..... 71
1944—Shirley Jameson, Kenosha..... 78
1945—Doris Tetzlaff, Grand Rapids..... 82
1946—Sophie Kurys, Racine..... 93
1947—Alma Ziegler, Grand Rapids..... 62

Most Strike-Outs

79—Theda Marshall, South Bend—1947.
BY YEARS
1943—Lois Florreich, South Bend..... 62
1944—Gertrude Ganote, Kenosha..... 60
1945—Dorothy Schroeder, South Bend-Kenosha..... 62
1946—Arlene Johnson, Muskegon..... 67
1947—Theda Marshall, South Bend..... 79

Fewest Strike-Outs (100 Games or More)

3—Josephine D'Angelo, South Bend—1943.
BY YEARS
1943—Josephine D'Angelo, South Bend..... 3
1944—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford..... 6
1945—Lavonne Paire, Fort Wayne..... 6
1946—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford..... 10
Betsy Jochum, South Bend..... 10
1947—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford..... 6

Most Hits, Season—Each Club

Rockford—Dorothy Kamenshek, 1946..... 129
South Bend—Betsy Jochum, 1944..... 128
Fort Wayne—Helen Callaghan, 1945..... 122
Kenosha—Audrey Wagner, 1947..... 119
Grand Rapids—Merle Keagle, 1946..... 116
Racine—Sophie Kurys, 1946..... 112
Muskegon—Charlene Pryer, 1947..... 105
Peoria—Mary Wisham, 1947..... 104

Champion Batter—Each Club

Rockford—Gladys Davis, 1943..... .332
Kenosha—Audrey Wagner, 1947..... .305
Fort Wayne—Helen Callaghan, 1945..... .299
South Bend—Betsy Jochum, 1944..... .296
Racine—Sophie Kurys, 1946..... .286
Grand Rapids—Merle Keagle, 1946..... .284
Muskegon—Doris Sams, 1947..... .280
Peoria—Mary Wisham, 1947..... .261

Most Runs Scored Season—Each Club

Racine—Sophie Kurys, 1946..... 117
Kenosha—Shirley Jameson, 1943..... 111
South Bend—Elizabeth Mahon, 1946..... 90
Rockford—Dorothy Kamenshek, 1945..... 80
Grand Rapids—Twila Shively, 1946..... 78
Fort Wayne—Helen Callaghan, 1945..... 77
Peoria—Thelma Eisen, 1946..... 68
Muskegon—Charlene Pryer, 1946..... 64

Most Runs Batted In, Season—Each Club

South Bend—Elizabeth Mahon, 1946..... 72
Kenosha—Ann Harnett, 1943..... 69
Racine—Edythe Perlick, 1944..... 63
Grand Rapids—Merle Keagle, 1946..... 59
Rockford—Gladys Davis, 1943..... 58
Fort Wayne—Irene Ruhnke, 1946..... 50
Muskegon—Dorothy Maguire, 1946..... 47
Peoria—Mary Wisham, 1947..... 43

INDIVIDUAL BATTING RECORDS

Most Runs, Game—5, Sophie Kurys, Racine, June 13, 1946.
Most Consecutive Games Scoring Runs—11, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha, May 30-June 13, 1943—22 runs.
Most Runs Batted In, Game—9, Marg Villa, Kenosha, June 9, 1946.
Most Bases on Balls, Game—5, Irene Hickson, Racine, June 13, 1946.
Most Strike-outs, Game—4, by many players.

INDIVIDUAL BATTING CONTINUED

Most Base Hits, Game—6, Dorothy Wind, Racine, August 28, 1943.
Most Consecutive Games Batted Safely—13, Mildred Warwick, Rockford, June 20-27, 1943; Elizabeth Mahon, South Bend, July 27-Aug. 9, 1945.
Most 2-Base Hits, Game—2, by many players.
Most 3-Base Hits, Game—3, Lois Florreich, South Bend, July 1, 1945.
Most Home Runs, Game—2, by several players.
Most Total Bases, Game—11, Marg Villa, Kenosha, June 9, 1946.
Most Total Advanced Bases, Game—23, Marg Villa, Kenosha, June 9, 1946.
Most Sacrifice Hits, Game—3, Clara Schillace, Racine, July 7, 1943; Dorothy Maguire, Grand Rapids, June 19, 1945; Margaret Danhauser, Racine, August 13, 1945.
Most Stolen Bases, Game—7, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha, July 2, 1944; Lois Florreich, South Bend, July 24, 1944; Betsy Jochum, South Bend, August 2, 1944; Sophie Kurys, Racine, Sept. 3, 1944; Maddy English, Racine, May 21, 1947.
Most Consecutive Games, Stealing Bases—18, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha, June 14-26, 1943.
Most Consecutive Games, No Strike-outs—57, Marge Stefani, South Bend, June 30-Aug. 22, 1943.

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING RECORDS

Perfect Games (No Batter Reaching First Base)

Annabelle Lee—Minneapolis—July 29, 1944 vs. Kenosha.
Carolyn Morris—Rockford—July 6, 1945 vs Fort Wayne.
Doris Sams—Muskegon—August 18, 1947 vs Fort Wayne.

No-Hit, No-Run Games (9 Innings)

Helen Nicol—Kenosha—Sept. 4, 1944 vs Racine.
Carolyn Morris—Rockford—Sept. 6, 1944 vs So. Bend.
Annabelle Lee—Ft. Wayne—July 7, 1945 vs Grand Rapids.
Dorothy Wiltse—Ft. Wayne—June 29, 1945 vs Rockford.
Dorothy Wiltse—Ft. Wayne—July 15, 1945 vs So. Bend.
Elise Harney—Kenosha—June 14, 1945 vs Ft. Wayne.
Olive Little—Rockford—June 14, 1945 vs Ft. Wayne.
Betty Luna—So. Bend—Aug. 6, 1945 vs Grand Rapids.
Anna May Hutchison—Racine—July 10, 1946 vs Kenosha.
Doris Barr—Racine—Aug. 9, 1947 vs Ft. Wayne.
Marge Holgerson—Rockford—Aug. 20, 1947 vs So. Bend.

No-Hit, No-Run Games (7 Innings)

Olive Little—Rockford—Aug. 15, 1943 vs So. Bend.
Audrey Haine—Minneapolis—Aug. 26, 1944 vs Kenosha.
Carolyn Morris—Rockford—Aug. 6, 1944 vs Milwaukee.
Doris Barr—Racine—July 1, 1945 vs Ft. Wayne.
Charlotte Armstrong—So. Bend—Aug. 21, 1945 vs Gr. Rpds.
Betty Luna—So. Bend—July 14, 1946 vs Ft. Wayne.
Carolyn Morris—Rockford—Aug. 4, 1946 vs Peoria.
Irene Applegren—Muskegon—July 31, 1946 vs Grd. Rpds.

No-Hit Games

Elise Harney—Kenosha—July 22, 1944 vs Racine (9 innings).
Mary Pratt—Rockford—June 14, 1944 vs Mpls. (7 innings).
Olive Little—Rkfd.—June 10, 1943 vs Kenosha (9 innings).
Jean Cione—Kenosha—June 18, 1947 vs S. Bend (9 innings).
Erma Bergman—Muskegon—May 22, 1947 vs Grd. Rapids.
Betty Luna—Rockford—July 30, 1947 vs Grand Rapids.

Most Innings Pitched in Game

22—Eleanor Dapkus, Racine, and Jean Faut, South Bend—July 31, 1947.

Most Runs Off Pitcher in Game

19—Martha Walker, Racine—June 19, 1943 vs So. Bend.

Most Hits Off Pitcher in Game

19—Olive Little, Rockford—June 18, 1945 vs So. Bend.

Most Consecutive Games Won

13—Helen Nicol, Kenosha—1943.

Most Consecutive Games Lost

10—Catherine Bennett, Kenosha and So. Bend—1943.

Most Consecutive Shutout Games

6—Joanne Winter, Racine—1946. Aug. 17 vs Muskegon (9 innings); Aug. 19, vs Peoria (9 innings); Aug. 21 vs Peoria (7 innings); Aug. 24 vs Muskegon (9 innings); Aug. 26 vs Ft. Wayne (9 innings); Aug. 28 vs So. Bend (9 innings).

Most Bases on Balls in Game

21—Martha Walker, Racine—June 19, 1943 vs So. Bend.

Most Strikeouts in Game

16—Dorothy Wiltse Collins, Ft. Wayne—June 7, 1946 vs Peoria.

Most Consecutive Scoreless Innings

63—Joanne Winter, Racine—1946. Aug. 14 vs Muskegon—8; Aug. 17 vs Muskegon—9; Aug. 19 vs Peoria—9; Aug 21 vs Peoria—7; Aug. 24 vs Muskegon—9; Aug. 26 vs Ft. Wayne—9; Aug. 28 vs So. Bend—9; Aug. 30 vs So. Bend—3.

Most Complete Games, Season

40—Helen Nicol Fox, Kenosha—1945.
Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1946.
BY YEARS
1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha..... 33
1944—Mary Nesbit Crews, Racine..... 37
1945—Helen Nicol Fox, Kenosha..... 40
1946—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids..... 40
1947—Anna May Hutchison, Racine..... 36

Most Games Pitched, Season

51—Anna May Hutchison, Racine—1946.
BY YEARS
1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha; Margaret Berger, South Bend; Mary Nesbit, Racine..... 47
1944—Jo Kabick, Milwaukee; Mary Nesbit Crews, Racine..... 45
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids; Dorothy Wiltse, Fort Wayne; Helen Nicol Fox, Kenosha; Charlotte Armstrong, South Bend..... 46
1946—Anna May Hutchison, Racine..... 51
1947—Dorothy Mueller, Peoria..... 48

Most Innings Pitched, Season

391—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1945.
BY YEARS
1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha..... 348
1944—Josephine Kabick, Milwaukee..... 366
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids..... 391
1946—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids..... 366
1947—Anna May Hutchison, Racine..... 360

Most Runs Off Pitcher, Season

177—Clara Cook, Rockford and Kenosha—1943.
BY YEARS
1943—Clara Cook, Rockford-Kenosha..... 177
1944—Joanne Winter, Racine..... 172
1945—Charlotte Armstrong, South Bend..... 137
1946—Elise Harney, Kenosha-Fort Wayne..... 143
1947—Josephine Kabick, Peoria..... 101

Most Earned Runs Off Pitcher, Season

124—Audrey Haine, Minneapolis—1944.
BY YEARS
1943—Muriel Coben, South Bend-Rockford..... 102
1944—Audrey Haine, Minneapolis..... 124
1945—Elise Harney, Kenosha..... 87
1946—Alice Haylett, Grand Rapids..... 98
1947—Joanne Winter, Racine..... 68

Lowest Earned Run Average, Season

0.68—Mildred Earp, Grand Rapids—1947.
BY YEARS
1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha..... 1.81
1944—Helen Nicol, Kenosha..... 0.93
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids..... 0.81
1946—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids..... 0.96
1947—Mildred Earp, Grand Rapids..... 0.68

Most Hits Off Pitcher, Season

283—Josephine Kabick, Grd. Rpds.-Kenosha—1946.
BY YEARS
1943—Elise Harney, Kenosha..... 282
1944—Josephine Kabick, Milwaukee..... 270
1945—Charlotte Armstrong, South Bend..... 280
1946—Josephine Kabick, Grd. Rpds.-Kenosha..... 283
1947—Anna May Hutchison, Racine..... 230

Highest Percentage Games Won, Season

.795—Helen Nicol, Kenosha—1943 (Won 31, Lost 8).

BY YEARS

1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha (Won 31, Lost 8)..... .795
1944—Connie Wisniewski, Milw. (Won 23, Lost 10).... .697
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Gr. Rpds. (Won 32, Lost 11) .744
1946—Connie Wisniewski, Gr. Rpds. (Won 33, Lost 9). .786
1947—Mildred Earp, Gr. Rpds. (Won 20, Lost 8)..... .714

Most Games Won, Season

33—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1946.
Joanne Winter, Racine—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha..... 31
1944—Josephine Kabick, Milwaukee..... 26
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids..... 32
1946—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids..... 33
Joanne Winter, Racine..... 33
1947—Anna May Hutchison, Racine..... 27

Most Games Lost, Season

23—Joanne Winter, Racine—1944.
Annabelle Lee, Peoria—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Elise Harney, Kenosha..... 19
Marjorie Peters, Rockford..... 19
1944—Joanne Winter, Racine..... 23
1945—Charlotte Armstrong, South Bend..... 22
Joanne Winter, Racine..... 22
Elise Harney, Kenosha..... 22
1946—Annabelle Lee, Peoria..... 23
1947—Lois Florreich, Rockford..... 19

Most Shutout Games, Season

17—Dorothy Wiltse, Fort Wayne—1945.
Joanne Winter, Racine—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha..... 8
1944—Carolyn Morris, Rockford..... 11
1945—Dorothy Wiltse, Fort Wayne..... 17
1946—Joanne Winter, Racine..... 17
1947—Anna May Hutchison, Racine..... 12

Most At Bats Off Pitcher, Season

1367—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1945.

Most Bases on Balls Off Pitcher, Season

236—Audrey Haine, Fort Wayne-Grand Rapids—1946.

Most Strikeouts by Pitcher, Season

294—Dorothy Wiltse Collins, Fort Wayne—1946.

Most Hit Batsmen Off Pitcher, Season

44—Dorothy Wiltse, Minneapolis—1944.

Most Wild Pitches by Pitcher, Season

38—Doris Barr, Racine—1945.

Most Balks by Pitcher, Season

6—Mary Rini, Kenosha—1945.
Nelda Bird, South Bend—1945.
Ruby Stephens, South Bend—1947.

CLUB RECORDS, One Game

Most Runs Scored, One Club—26, Racine vs Grand Rapids, June 13, 1946.
Most Hits—19, Kenosha vs Rockford, June 11, 1943; South Bend vs Rockford, June 18, 1945.
Most Doubles—8, Rockford vs Racine, June 22, 1945.
Most Triples—4, Racine vs Rockford, July 8, 1943.
Most Home Runs—3, Racine vs Rockford, July 8, 1943; Minneapolis vs Milwaukee, July 2, 1944; Minneapolis vs Kenosha, July 29, 1944.
Most Stolen Bases—24, Racine vs Minneapolis, June 7, 1944.
Most Bases on Balls—23, South Bend vs Racine, June 19, 1943.
Most Strikeouts—16, Peoria vs Fort Wayne, June 7, 1946.
Most Left on Bases—17, South Bend vs Minneapolis, July 31, 1944.
Most Errors—12, Rockford vs Racine, August 17, 1943.
Most Consecutive Games Won—13, Grand Rapids, May 22-June 3, 1946.
Most Consecutive Games Lost—10, Kenosha, June 16-24, 1945.
Most Double Plays—4, South Bend vs Kenosha, June 22, 1945; Racine vs Grand Rapids, July 16, 1945.

CLUB RECORDS, Season

Highest Batting Percentage—.246, Racine—1943.
Most Times at Bat—3711, Minneapolis—1944.
Most Runs Scored—611, Racine—1943.
Fewest Runs Scored—262, Kenosha—1945.
Most Runs by Opponents—581, Minneapolis—1944.
Fewest Runs by Opponents—247, Muskegon—1947.
Most Hits—865, Racine—1943.
Fewest Hits—553, Kenosha—1945.
Most Doubles—80, Grand Rapids—1946.
Most Triples—59, Kenosha—1943.
Most Home Runs—24, Racine—1943.
Most Runs Batted In—434, Racine—1943.
Fewest Runs Batted In—170, Kenosha—1945.
Most Total Advanced Bases—2298, South Bend—1946.

ALL-TIME RECORDS

Individual Fielding, Season

First Base

Most Games Played—116, Johanna Hageman, So. Bend—1944.
Highest Percentage—.990, Sara Reeser, Muskegon—1947.
Most Chances Accepted—1341, Theda Marshall, South Bend—1947.
Most Putouts—1304, Theda Marshall, South Bend—1947.
Most Assists—63, Marnie Danhauser, Racine—1947.
Most Errors—42, Theda Marshall, So. Bend—1947.
Most Double Plays—50, Betty Whiting, Grd. Rpds.—1946.

Second Base

Most Games Played—116, Sophie Kurys, Racine; Marge Stefani, So. Bend—1944.
Highest Percentage—.973, Sophie Kurys, Racine—1946.
Most Chances Accepted—573, Alma Ziegler, Milw.—1944.
Most Putouts—361, Alma Ziegler, Milwaukee—1944.
Most Assists—252, Marge Stefani, So. Bend—1943.
Most Errors—40, Marge Stefani, So. Bend-1944.
Most Double Plays—38, Alma Ziegler, Grd. Rpds.—1946.

Shortstop

Most Games Played—116, Dorothy Schroeder, So. Bend—1944.
Highest Percentage—.951, Ernestine Petras, Grd. Rpds.—1946.
Most Chances Accepted—611, Ernestine Petras, Grd. Rpds.—1947.
Most Putouts—255, Ernestine Petras, Grd. Rpds.—1947.
Most Assists—379, Senaida Wirth, So. Bend—1946.
Most Errors—79, Dorothy Wind, Racine—1943.
Most Double Plays—31, Dorothy Schroeder, So. Bend—1944.

Third Base

Most Games Played—112, Doris Tetzlaff, Grd. Rpds.; Arlene Johnson, Muskegon—1946.
Highest Percentage—.942, Arlene Johnson, Muskegon—1947.
Most Chances Accepted—537, Doris Tetzlaff, Grd. Rpds.—1945.
Most Putouts—236, Marg Callaghan, Ft. Wayne—1946.
Most Assists—368, Doris Tetzlaff, Grd. Rpds.—1945.
Most Errors—78, Madeline English, Racine—1943.
Most Double Plays—21, Marg Callaghan, Ft. Wayne—1946.

Catchers

Most Games Played—112, Ruth Lessing, Grd. Rpds.—1946.
Highest Percentage—.982, Ruth Lessing, Ft. Wayne—1945.
Most Chances Accepted—717, Ruth Lessing, Ft. Wayne—1945.
Most Putouts—634, Ruth Lessing, Ft. Wayne—1945.
Most Assists—141, Ruth Lessing, Grd. Rpds.—1946.
Most Errors—47, Dorothy Maguire, Milwaukee—1944.
Most Passed Balls—24, Ruth Lessing, Grd. Rpds.—1946.
Most Double Plays—16, Ruth Lessing, Grd. Rpds.—1946.

Outfielders

Most Games Played—116, Edythe Perlick, Racine—1944.
Highest Percentage—.995, Charlene Pryer, Muskegon—1947.
Most Chances Accepted—269, Helen Callaghan, Ft. Wayne—1946.
Most Putouts—249, Helen Callaghan, Ft. Wayne—1946.
Most Assists—31, Rose Gacioch, Rockford—1945-1947; Doris Sams, Muskegon—1947.
Most Errors—23, Helen Callaghan, Ft. Wayne—1946.
Most Double Plays—7, Josephine D'Angelo, So. Bend—1943; Betty Trezza, Racine—1947.

SHAUGHNESSY PLAYOFF SERIES OF 1947



★ The 1947 Shaughnessy Playoff Series of the All-American Girls Baseball League brought together three experienced playoff teams in the Racine Belles, the Grand Rapids Chicks and the South Bend Blue Sox. The fourth contender, the Muskegon Lassies, was a newcomer to post-season competition but nevertheless was rated as the team to beat on the strength of its clear-cut league championship play and its well balanced and strongly fortified personnel.

The championship Lassies failed to survive the first round, however, when they drew the 1946 double championship Racine Belles and got off to a woeful start in their home park. The combination of the Belles experienced "money" players and the herculean pitching of Anna May Hutchison was too much for the over-anxious Lassies to match and their own erratic play in the clutches had more than a little to do with their downfall.

The Belles took the first two games in the Lassies own backyard, getting the second win when the usually sharp Muskegon defense went into complete collapse. The league champions rallied briefly to take the third encounter in Racine behind the sharp pitching of Nancy Warren only to lose a heartbreaker in the fourth and final game when the Belles squeezed over a 2-1 clincher in the last half of the ninth. Hutchison won all three games for the Belles in the first round against Muskegon, one of them in a relief role.

Meanwhile, the Grand Rapids Chicks and South Bend Blue Sox traded punches over the full distance of five games, with the Chicks winning each odd-numbered game and the Sox coming from behind to carry the series to the final out. Grand Rapids won the first, third and fifth games of the series and it was not until the eighth inning of the final encounter, when they punched over a big five-run splurge to win 6-1, that the Chicks earned the right to meet the Belles in the final round.

It took three Grand Rapids pitchers to turn the trick against the Sox, with Millie Earp, Connie Wisniewski and Alice Haylett each contributing one win in the South Bend series. The Chicks also helped their own cause by playing superior defensive ball, turning in virtually errorless work in the last three games while the Sox hastened their own downfall with costly miscues.

Undermanned on the hill, the Sox fought valiantly all the way and with all they had. Pitcher Jean Faut rendered yeoman service in four of the five games, winning one and saving another for her team. Bonnie Baker, veteran Blue Sox catcher, led the hitters of this series with .389 and literally stole the fourth game for her team with a daring theft of home and the only run of the contest. Connie Wisniewski, who played right field when not pitching, was the leading Grand Rapids batter with at least one safe blow in every game.

The final round of the series brought together the traditional rivals from Racine and Grand Rapids and these two well-matched teams fought, as expected, until the last out was recorded in the final rubber game. Grand Rapids won the big seventh game, 1-0, and took the series and the Shaughnessy Playoff championship, four games to three. It was the first time in league history that the league champion did not also repeat as the playoff champion and thus, championship honors for the season were divided between the Muskegon Lassies and the Grand Rapids Chicks.

The first three games of the Racine-Grand Rapids series went extra-innings as further evidence of the heated rivalry and close competition. Racine jumped off to a lead by taking the opener at Grand Rapids in a twelve-inning struggle which marked the fourth win for Anna May Hutchison in five Racine playoff games.

Hutchison was back again in the next game in a relief role and still again in the third game as a starter, as Grand Rapids fought bitterly to win both games, the first in twelve innings and the next in ten frames. Again, the Chicks mound superiority began to tell and the teams jumped to Racine for the balance of the series with the Michigan entry leading, two games to one.

The Chicks took a three to one advantage behind the great hurling of Millie Earp in the fourth game and appeared to have the series wrapped up, especially in view of the shaky condition of the Racine mound corps. Hutchison had now appeared in six of the eight playoff games in which the Belles had participated.

But Hutch and the Belles still had something left. The Louisville red-head pitched a brilliant 3-2 victory in the fifth game with the help of a three-run first inning homer by left fielder Edie Perlick.

The sixth game was nip and tuck between Alice Haylett of the Chicks and Jo Winter of the Belles. It went into the last half of the ninth all tied up at 3-3, at which point a sudden explosion by the Belles put over a 4-3 victory and tied up the series at three games each.

The final game brought forth the expected encounter between the pitching aces of the league, Earp and Hutchison, with the latter making her eighth appearance in eleven playoff games. It was obvious, with the two top defensive clubs of the league and the two leading pitchers working against each other, that the first break might tell the story and one run might win the game and series.

And it all went according to pattern. The first and only break came in the seventh inning, after both teams had played air tight and well nigh perfect ball. In the seventh, the Chicks capitalized on Hutchison's only lapse of the game, an opening base on balls, and scored without concocting a base hit. Meanwhile, Millie Earp pitched superbly and never afforded a real opening as she held the Belles to four scattered blows to win a deserving victory.

It was a well-earned triumph for the Grand Rapids Chicks, who had been many times bridesmaids but never brides and who won their first championship laurels on the basis of steady, consistent and even brilliant defensive ball through twelve games in both rounds of the playoff series. Under the astute managerial guidance of Johnny Rawlings, they played extremely smart ball to capitalize on every opportunity.

For the Belles, who have enjoyed their share of the honors in the past, the series also had its consoling features. The former champs disposed of the "team to beat" in the first round and came from far behind in the second round, after trailing three games to one, to carry the series to the final out and provide the most thrilling and closely contested climax in the history of the league.

The fine pitching of Millie Earp for the Chicks must receive top mention in any review of the series. Connie Wisniewski also supplied versatility on the mound, in the outfield and at bat, where she led all the hitters of the two finalist teams. Defensively, the Grand Rapids infield was great with the keystone combination of shortstop Petras and second sacker Ziegler proving a tower of strength. But all in all, it was great team play and spirit which won for the Chicks.

The work of pitcher Anna May Hutchison for the Belles was exceptional and it is hard to conceive of the Racine team making much progress without her strong right arm. Edie Perlick hustling left fielder, led her team at bat and helped to keep them in the series with her stickwork and fine defensive play. And especially worthy of mention was the heroic work of Irene Hickson, peppery backstop of the Belles, who played

throughout eleven series games with a broken finger on her throwing hand, to give stirring and convincing demonstration of why girls baseball, as played in the All-American Girls Baseball League, has more than earned its place among the top sports attractions of the nation.

SHAUGHNESSY PLAYOFF SERIES 1947

Final Season Standing

Club	W	L	Pct.	Club	W	L	Pct.
Muskegon	69	43	.616	Peoria	55	57	.491
Racine	65	47	.580	Rockford	48	63	.432
Grand Rapids	65	47	.580	Fort Wayne	45	67	.402
South Bend	57	54	.514	Kenosha	43	69	.381

RACINE vs. MUSKEGON

Won by Racine, 4-0, 7-3, 1-7, 2-1.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Racine	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	10	0
Muskegon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3

Batteries: Hutchison and Hickson. Applegren, Warren and Maguire.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Racine	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	7	4	2
Muskegon	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	9	8

Batteries: Winter, Hutchison and Hickson. Sams and Maguire.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Muskegon	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	7	6	2
Racine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	4

Batteries: Warren and Maguire. Barr, Dapkus and Hickson, Metrolis.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Muskegon	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	1
Racine	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	6	0

Batteries: Sams and Maguire. Hutchison and Hickson.

GRAND RAPIDS vs. SOUTH BEND

Won by Grand Rapids, 3-2, 7-8, 6-1, 0-1, 6-1.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
So. Bend	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	5	2
Grd. Rpds	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	3	6	3

Batteries: Faut and Baker. Earp and Lessing.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
So. Bend	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	7	4
Grd. Rpds	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	7	10	4

Batteries: Williams, Koehn, Faut and Baker. Haylett, Lee, Tucker and Lessing.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Grd. Rpds	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	0
So. Bend	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	2

Batteries: Wisniewski and Lessing. Koehn and Baker.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Grd. Rpds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
So. Bend	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	x	1	4	0

Batteries: Faut and Baker. Earp and Lessing.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Grd. Rpds	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	6	6	1
So. Bend	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	4

Batteries: Williams, Faut and Baker. Haylett and Lessing.

GRAND RAPIDS vs. RACINE

Won by Grand Rapids, 0-2, 3-2, 2-1, 3-0, 2-3, 3-4, 1-0.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
Racine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	5	2
Grd. Rpds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0

Batteries: Hutchison and Hickson. Earp and Lessing.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	H	E
Racine	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	1
Grd. Rpds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	5	1

Batteries: Winter, Barr, Hutchison and Hickson. Wisniewski and Lessing.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	H	E
Racine	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	0
Grd. Rpds	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	9	4

Batteries: Hutchison and Hickson. Havlett and Lessing.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Grd. Rpds	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	5	1
Racine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1

Batteries: Earp and Lessing. Winter and Hickson.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Grd. Rpds	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	5	1
Racine	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	3	2	1

Batteries: Wisniewski and Lessing. Hutchison and Hickson.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Grd. Rpds	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	4
Racine	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	9	3

Batteries: Haylett and Lessing, Richards. Winter and Hickson.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Grd. Rpds	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	0
Racine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1

Batteries: Earp and Lessing. Hutchison, Barr and Hickson.

RACINE BELLES

1948 SCHEDULE OF GAMES AT HOME AND ABROAD

Games at Home

May 12-13-14-15 ..... South Bend
May 16-17-17-18 ..... Kenosha
May 25-26-27-28 ..... Rockford
May 29-30-31-31 ..... Chicago
June 9-10-11 ..... Peoria
June 12-13-14 ..... Grand Rapids
June 25-26-27-27 ..... Muskegon
June 28-29-30 ..... Fort Wayne
July 1-2-3 ..... Springfield
July 11-12-12 ..... South Bend
July 13-14-15 ..... Kenosha
July 24-25-26-26 ..... Fort Wayne
July 27-28-29 ..... Chicago
August 7-8-9-9 ..... Peoria
August 10-11-12-13 ..... Grand Rapids
August 17-18-19 ..... Muskegon
August 28-29-30-30 ..... Springfield
September 5-6-6 ..... Rockford

Games Abroad

May 9-10-11 ..... Kenosha
May 19-20-21 ..... South Bend
May 22-23-24 ..... Chicago
June 1-2-3 ..... Springfield
June 5-6-7-8 ..... Grand Rapids
June 15-16-17-18 ..... Peoria
June 19-20-21-21 ..... Muskegon
June 22-23-24 ..... Fort Wayne
July 4-5-5-6 ..... Rockford
July 7-8-9-10 ..... Kenosha
July 16-17-18-19 ..... South Bend
July 20-21-22-23 ..... Chicago
July 30-31, August 1 ..... Rockford
August 2-3-4 ..... Grand Rapids
August 14-15-16 ..... Peoria
August 20-21-22-22 ..... Springfield
August 25-26-27 ..... Muskegon
August 31, Sept. 1-2-3 ..... Fort Wayne

Where date appears twice this denotes doubleheader.

ACCENT ON *Youth*

During the 1947 season, the Racine Belles organization inaugurated its junior baseball program in the interests of teen-aged boys and girls. The Belles helped to uniform, equip and sponsor almost one thousand Racine boys and girls playing baseball in the City Recreation Leagues. It was one of the most popular and successful youth recreation programs ever undertaken by any community in America.

With the advent of 1948, the Belles are going a step further in promoting and advancing the interests of junior girls in baseball as it is played in the All-American League. The club will sponsor and operate a junior girls league under its own direction in an effort to provide additional high quality recreation and develop athletic skill on the part of Racine youth.



RACINE IS ON THE BALL. *When it comes to youth recreation, the Belle City is in there pitching. Mayor Francis H. Wendt lends official support to the accent on youth by donning pad and mitt as little Ann Cardiff wields the willow and pitcher Dodie Barr tries her hand at "guessing" the balls and strikes.*

The league has been organized to interest girls of 14 years of age and upward. Registration has been opened to all local girls who are interested. Final player selections have been made on the basis of an early spring tryout and training program, similar to those of the parent league. And the players finally selected, on the basis of ability, have been allocated to the four teams to provide an even balance of available talent and assure close competition.

The teams will be uniformed and equipped in the pattern of their big sisters in the All-American, with suits, stockings, caps, sweaters and other apparel duplicating the outfits of the Racine Belles. Each team will have its own distinctive color combination and be assigned a fitting name. Deportment and conduct of the players and handling of all games will be on a big league scale.

Moreover, the junior girls will play full scale baseball, in accordance with AAGBL rules, using the same diamond dimensions, the same ball, the same type of pitching and all other regulations of play, so that they may fully acquaint themselves with this exclusive brand of baseball and develop any latent talent that may help to make them future big league stars.

Each team will be under the management of an experienced and qualified baseball manager, selected and appointed by the Belles on the basis of personal baseball knowledge and experience. LeRoy Wood, Herb Hoppe, Pete Neidhart and Roscoe Anderson, all former baseball and sports stars on the local scene, will instruct the girls and lead them into action in their games. These managers, together with Leo Murphy of the Belles, will form the board of strategy in selecting the players and operating the new league in the best interests of all the players and their Racine followers and fans.

Many of the games will be played on the big league diamond at Horlick Field, as preliminary to the Belles regular league encounters. Other games to fill out the complete schedule will be played at a local municipal park. The junior girls preliminary games at Horlick Field will start at a sufficiently early hour to permit the regular AAGBL pre-game practice and league contest to start at the regular time. But junior girls league friends and fans may enter the park at any time and enjoy both ball games at the regular price on any evening.

Competent umpires will be in charge of all junior league contests, managers will be in league uniforms

and every effort will be made to provide the best competition and the finest entertainment possible. It will be interesting and enlightening to watch the development of the girls baseball stars of the future. The AAGBL will also operate a semi-pro league of four teams in Chicago which will serve as a farm and proving ground for all teams in the league.

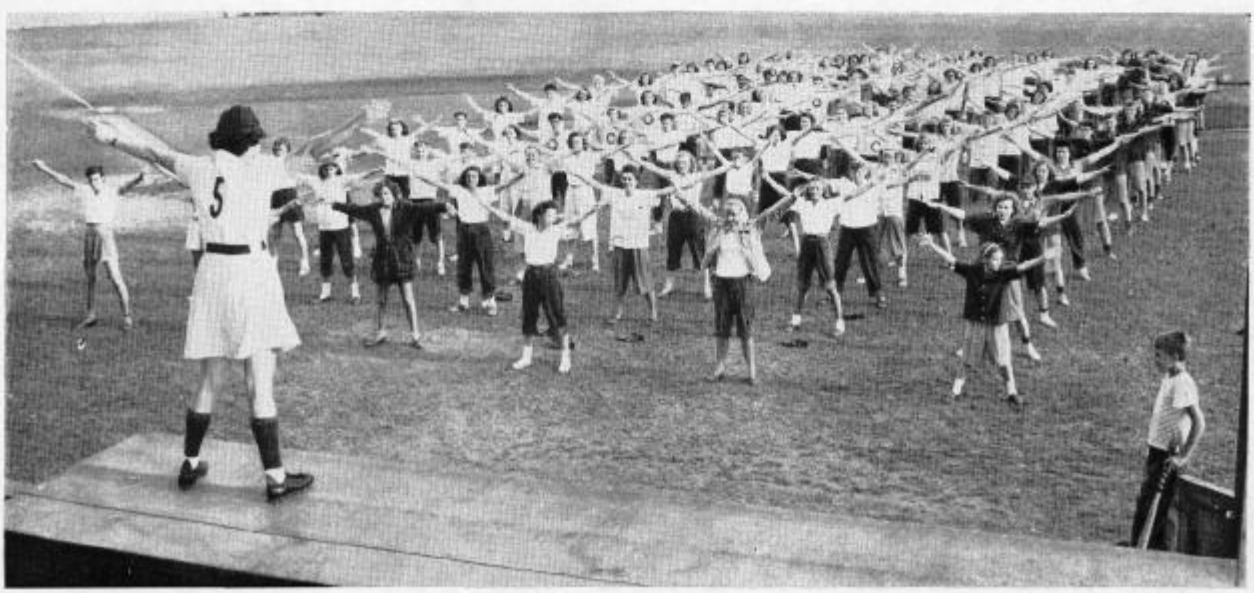
Last year, as the culmination of the girls league play in the City Recreation League, the Racine Belles sponsored and directed an all-star series at Horlick Field. Two teams, selected from the Junior Girls and Sodality Girls leagues, played a series of games prior to the Belles regular contests and the spirit of the teen-agers attracted wide interest and attention. Many fans proclaimed the venture as the finest project ever conducted by the Belles management.

Racine fans were given an opportunity on each night of play to cast a vote for the most valuable or impressive player of the series. At the termination of the series, the votes were tabulated and the winner was acclaimed as the junior Player of the Year. The winner, in a close race was Nancy Anderson, a promising young all-around athlete from Washington Park High School. Miss Anderson was awarded a handsome Player of the Year trophy by the Racine Belles and was also accorded a trip and tryout with the All-American Girls Baseball League in 1948 spring training.

The ten girls who received the greatest number of votes from the fans were accorded positions on the junior girls All-Star team of 1947. In a fitting ceremony prior to a league contest at Horlick Field, trophies were awarded to all these players. Leo Murphy, Belles manager, presented the Player of the Year trophy to Nancy Anderson and each of the Racine Belles regulars presented an All-Star trophy to the junior girl selected for her corresponding position on the team. In addition to Nancy Anderson, the junior all-star team included Gloria Sarto, Mary Ann Wood, Clara Rezek, Rosemary Bonnar, Claire Venne, Nancy Ann Noe, Dorothy Leuker, Nancy Chopyak and Alice Krizan.

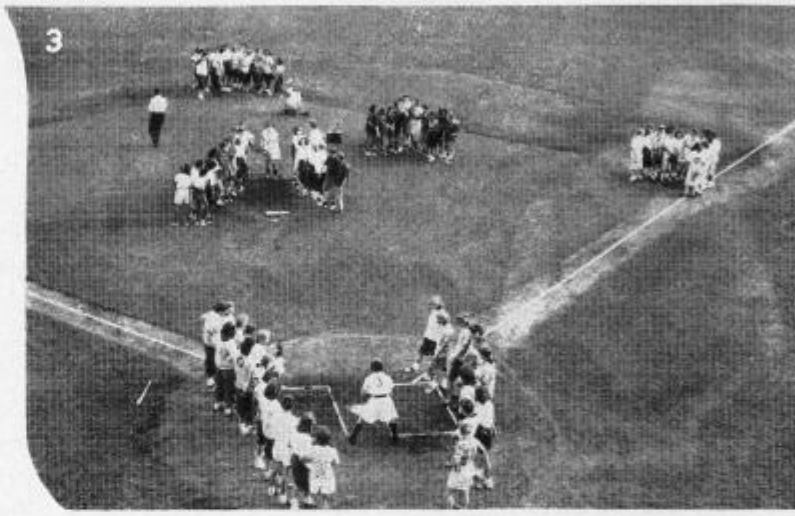
Similar types of awards are likely to be made at the conclusion of the 1948 season and opportunity will come to those girls who show the interest, the desire and the ability to advance to higher circles in girls baseball. The Racine Belles management and the junior girls are grateful to the loyal fans of Racine who are making possible such an outstanding youth recreation program through their interest and support of the Belles. And all Racine may be thankful for the enthusiasm which Racine youth has displayed in clean and wholesome sports.

ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR. *It's condition that counts in any sport and Jo Winter of the Belles, an athletic inspiration to all younger girls, shows the juniors how to keep fit in a calisthenics session at Horlick Field.*









1 • JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR. *Nancy Anderson, all-around athlete and letter winner at Washington Park High School, voted the most valuable player award in the junior all-star series of 1947, receives her Player of the Year trophy from the hands of Leo Murphy, manager of the Racine Belles.*

2 • AN ALL-STAR TROPHY WINNER. *Rosemary Bonnar, promising junior league player was one of ten all-star girls who won trophies as a result of voting by Racine Belles fans in the all-star series promoted by the Belles. Maddy English, Belles third sacker, is seen doing the honors at the hot corner.*

3 • A JUNIOR GIRLS BASEBALL CLINIC. *Birds'-eye view of the diamond at Horlick Field as members of the Racine Belles demonstrate the fine points of the game to interested junior players. Irene Hickson at the plate, Jo Winter on the mound, Sophie Kurys at second, Marnie Danhauser at first and Ellie Dapkus on the infield grass give valuable pointers.*



4 • PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. *Jo Winter, who herself turned hours and hours of pitching practice into record-breaking success on the mound, willingly demonstrates some of the fine points of pitching finesse and control for junior girls who may be stars of the future.*

5 • POINTERS FROM THE MASTER. *The toughest runner to tag in the All-American Girls Baseball League, second sacker Sophie Kurys of the Racine Belles, shows the junior aspirants how to put that apple on the runner in a demonstration of play at second base.*

6 • TURN ON THE HEAT. *Marnie Danhauser, veteran first sacker of the Racine Belles gives the "green light" to Dolores Teskowski as she rounds third base, while Mary Ann Wood, another high ranking junior girl player guards the pillow.*





1947 *All Star* TEAM



Doris Sams
Player of the Year

★ Doris Sams of the championship Muskegon Lassies was the winner of the Player of the Year designation and she proves a worthy selection to follow in the footsteps of Connie Wisniewski (1945) and Sophie Kurys (1946). "Sammy," from Knoxville, Tennessee, a second-year player in the league, was highly instrumental in bringing the championship pennant to her club and her all-around ability and versatility had much to do with her selection as the top player of the season.

Although she did not record the necessary twenty decisions to designate her as the year's leading pitcher, Sams nevertheless did lead all hurlers in percentage with a record of 11 wins and 4 losses for a mark of .733. In addition, while not pitching, she played the full schedule as an outfielder and batted third among the regulars of the league with a fancy mark of .280.

Two of the three repeaters on the 1947 team were Dottie Kamenshek of Rockford at first base and Sophie Kurys of Racine at second base. There can be little argument about their right to retain their honors. Kammie again led the league in batting with a mark of .306 and boasts the best five-year batting average of any league player. She holds several all-time records and represents real "class" in every department of play. Kurys on the other hand, led the league for the fourth successive year in stolen bases with 142 and for the second straight year in runs scored with 81.

Dorothy (Snookie) Harrell of Rockford took the 1947 honors at shortstop in a close contest. She is a smooth-fielding, effortless player in the field and her extra potency with the stick undoubtedly won her the nod over other classy performers at this position. Mary Reynolds of Peoria won a clear-cut margin at third base on the strength of her fine all-around season. In her second league year, the Redwings' captain played steady ball at the hot corner, displayed an excellent rifle-arm and demonstrated her power at the plate.

An entire new outfield took the 1947 honors in the persons of Audrey Wagner of Kenosha, Edythe Perlick of Racine and Jo Lenard of Muskegon. Wagner batted a close second to the league champion with .305 and led the league in almost every other hitting department, including total hits 119, extra base hits 41, doubles 25, home runs 7, runs-batted-in 53, and total advanced bases 295. Her extra base blows and two-base hits set new all-time league records.

Edie Perlick has long been regarded by league managers as one of the top gardeners of the circuit and her steady play in 1947 won her deserving honors. Her fielding often bordered on the sensational and her timely stickwork won many crucial games for her team. She played every game of the schedule and led the league in times at bat. Jo Lenard of Muskegon enjoyed her best season in the field and at bat. She batted fourth in the league with .261 and she was second in total advanced bases.

In the catching department, Ruth (Tex) Lessing of Grand Rapids offered all that could be desired of a fine receiver and a great team player. Lessing holds virtually every all-time catching mark in the league record book and her 1947 season was one of her best.

Among the pitchers, Millie Earp of Grand Rapids rates top billing with the best winning percentage for all pitchers with 20 or more decisions. Pitching her first season, Earp recorded 20 wins against 8 losses for a mark of .714 and as the greatest proof of her effectiveness, she established a new league record for earned run average with a scintillating mark of 0.68 earned runs per nine-inning game. Anna May Hutchison of Racine, a repeater from 1946, made her position even more secure by leading the league in games won with 27 victories. She also led in most innings pitched with 360, complete games with 36 and shutouts with 12. The third pitcher, a league freshman, was Dottie Mueller of Peoria, who produced one of the most effective side-arm deliveries of the season and came up with 21 victories for a second division club. Mueller appeared in 48 games, more than any other league pitcher, and was second only to Hutchison in innings pitched.


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DOTTIE HARRELL
Short stop
ANNA MAY HUTCHISON
Pitcher
DOTTIE KAMENSHEK
First Base
MARY REYNOLDS
Third Base
1947 ALL-STAR TEAM
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RUTH
LESSING
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Outfield
DORIS SAMS
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It's Only a Choke

At long last, two umpires get it in the neck, as Anna May Hutchison, pitcher of the Belles, lays hands on two well known arbiters of the All-American Girls Baseball League. The victims are Al Leow (left) and Umpire-in-Chief Norris (Gadget) Ward and the occasion is the Belles farewell dinner following the final game of the 1947 Shaughnessy Playoff. In the foreground, left to right, are Betty Trezza, Edie Perlick and Dodie Barr of the Belles.

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Something to Blow About

On the occasion of American Legion Post 76 Night at Horlick Field during the 1947 season, Ed Bezucha is entertained in the Belles dugout by pitcher Anna May Hutchison and bat girl Heather Black. Hutch can blow her horn as the league's winningest pitcher in 1947 with 27 victories. The redhead, who wears Number 13 on her uniform, pitched her 13th win on July 13, 1947 and there were 3913, a multiple of 13, in the stands that night.

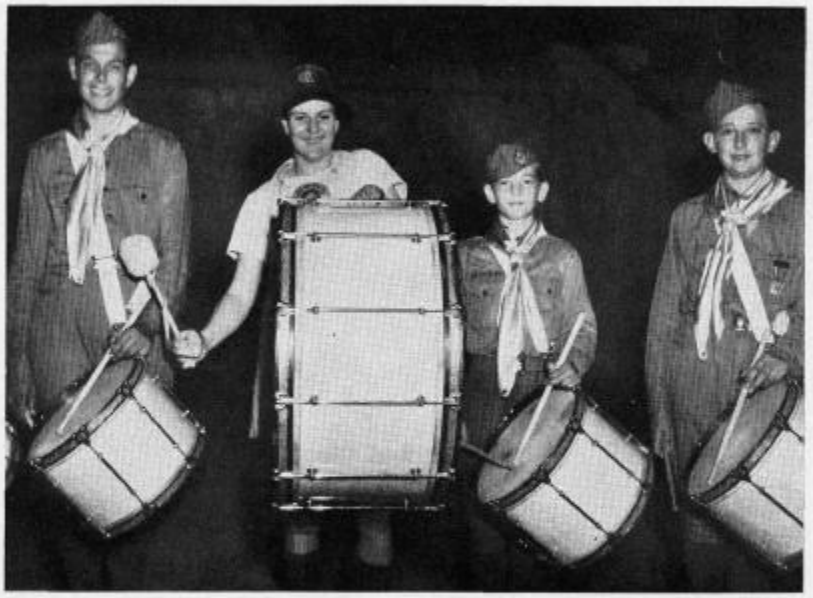
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Drumming things up for some big extra "bass" hits is Joanne Winter, star pitcher of the Racine Belles since the organization of the All-American Girls Baseball League. The occasion is the visit to Horlick Field of the Racine Council Boy Scout Drum and Bugle Corps during the 1947 season, when the championship organization entertained Belles fans with a full-fledged exhibition of the precision performance that has won honors all over the United States.

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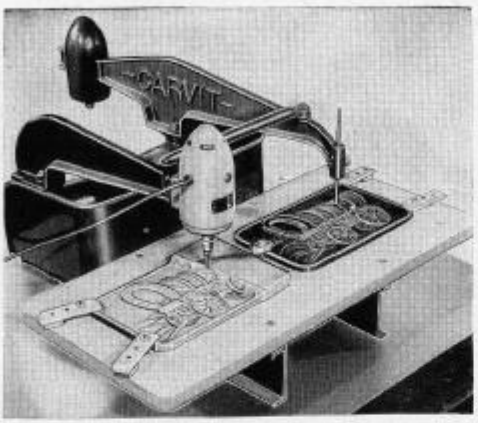
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The Presidential Touch

Max Carey, (left), major league star and manager, veteran of 24 years in organized baseball, holder of the all-time National League lifetime record for stolen bases and now President of the All-American Girls Baseball League, presents the 1946 League Championship Trophy to W. R. (Bill) Wadewitz, President of the Racine Girls Professional Ball Club on Trophy Night, 1947. It represents the second Racine pennant in five years of play.

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Pay Off on the Playoff

Judge Ed J. Ruetz of the Municipal Court of Kenosha, (right), Chairman of the Board of Governors of the All-American Girls Baseball League and President of the Kenosha Comets Inc., presents the 1946 Shaughnessy Playoff Trohpy to G. E. Smalley, Secretary-Treasurer of the Racine Belles on Trophy Night at Horlick Field. Judge Ruetz has been one of the pioneers and a moving spirit in the advancement of girls professional baseball in the midwest.

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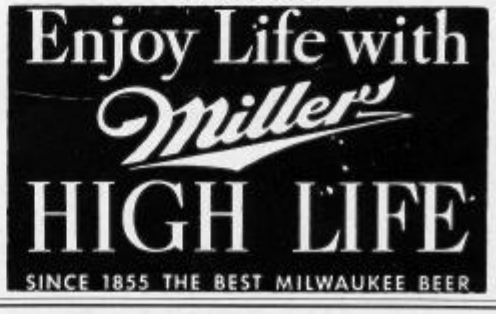
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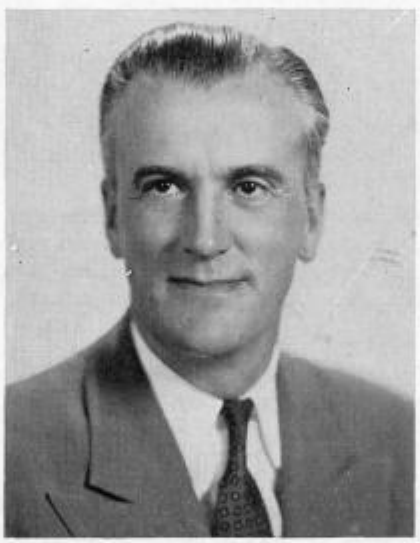
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2 **RACINE BELLES** • (EASTERN SECTION CHAMPIONS). *Front row, left to right:* Betty Trezza, Sophie Kurys, Leo Murphy (manager), Marnie Danhauser, Maddy English. *Middle row:* Mary Flaherty, Georgette Vincent, Joanne Winter, Eleanor Dapkus, Irene Kotowicz, Irene Hickson, Mildred Wilson (chaperone). *Back row:* Virginia Tezak, Edie Perlick, Phil Francisco, Gerry Bureker, Mary Kimball, Louise Erickson.





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REVIEW OF THE YEAR 1948

THE RACINE BELLES can mark 1948 as a year of mixed accomplishments and disappointments. It was a good year from the standpoint of team accomplishment, even though the team failed to win the final league honors for which it seemed destined at one time during the season. It was an unsatisfactory year from the standpoint of weather, which may possibly have affected attendance in the early weeks of the season to such an extent that the club suffered a slump at the box office and a serious financial loss.

The season started with spring training exercises on the part of the entire league personnel at Opa-Locka, Florida, from which base the various teams engaged in exhibition games at Miami, Miami Beach, Daytona Beach, Tampa and other Florida cities, as well as Havana, Cuba. The southern clime, preceding the long barnstorming tour northward, helped to bring the players home in fighting trim. But Lake Michigan breezes failed to cooperate and starting with the season's opener, which was twice postponed in Racine because of inclement weather, it remained far from ideal for night baseball throughout late May and the entire month of June.

For the first time in its history, the All-American Girls Baseball League started a season with ten full teams. The League was divided into two sections, with Racine, Kenosha, Rockford, Peoria and Springfield forming the Western Section and Grand Rapids, Muskegon, South Bend, Fort Wayne and Chicago comprising the Eastern division. All teams were scheduled to meet each other team an equal number of times during the season, with a playoff arrangement involving the four top teams in each section and the playoff winners in each section to meet for the League championship.

The Racine club was basically the same as that which had performed for the Belle City in the previous two seasons. Joanne Winter, Eleanor Dapkus, Irene Hickson, Marnie Danhauser, Sophie Kurys, Madeline English, and Edie Perlick had been with the Belles since the League was organized in 1943. Anna May Hutchison and Betty Trezza were veterans who had served the club for several seasons. Experienced talent which started the season with the Belles for the first time included outfielder Philomena Francisco, formerly with Grand Rapids, and Irene Kotowicz, who had previously performed with several other League clubs. After the season started, the Belles acquired the services of catcher Joyce Hill and pitcher-outfielder Phyllis (Sugar) Koehn. Rookies originally assigned to the club and eventually set adrift were Mary Kimball, Virginia Tezak, Laurie Lee and Betty Jameson. Among those who remained with the club through the season were outfielder Gerry Bureker and second-year utility player, Georgette Vincent. Late in the season, pitcher Louise Erickson and infielder Mary Flaherty joined the club and saw limited action.

Perhaps the season's greatest disappointment was the misfortune which beset erstwhile "iron-woman" pitcher Anna May Hutchison, who had been a mainstay of the pitching staff for two seasons and had won 53 games in the 1946 and 1947 seasons. Hutch reported to spring training with an ailing flip-



JO WINTER . . . won 25 games.

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EDIE PERLICK . . . all-star outfielder.





MARNIE DANHAUSER . . . *tops on defense.*

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IKE KOTOWICZ . . . won 18 big ones.



per and despite all manner of treatment, the arm failed to come around in 1948. Although she eventually appeared in a few games, it was apparent that the Louisville red-head had lost her former stuff and she remained a question mark for the coming year.

On the brighter side of the ledger was the transformation of Joanne Winter from a slingshot underhand pitcher to a mistress of the overhand delivery, to such an extent that she was recognized as the stylist of the league. Also, a telling factor for the Belles was the full development of Eleanor Dapkus as a regular pitcher, and even though she alternated between the outfield and the mound, she compiled one of the season's finest pitching records. To take up the slack resulting from the Hutchison ailment, Irene Kotowicz received her first real chance with the Belles and it was her fine work which helped the two leading pitchers to keep Racine in the thick of the pennant fight.

Winter tied for the most pitching wins during the season with 25 and Dapkus followed closely with 24. Kotowicz had 18 wins. And thus, between them, these three pitchers won 67 of the 77 victories compiled by the team during the season. Winter led the league in most complete games with 34, most innings pitched with 329, most strikeouts with 248, most two-hit games with 6, most three-hit games with 7 and most low-hit games (four hits or less) with 15. Dapkus tied for most games pitched with 39 and tied for most shutouts with 10. In addition, on August 21, she pitched a seven-inning no-hit, no-run game against the Springfield Sallies, in which only one ball was hit to the outfield.

Joanne Winter was a popular choice on the All-Star team selected by the League managers for MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FACTS AND FIGURES and Ellie Dapkus just failed to make the top three in the pitching selections. Other Belles to be honored on the All-Star team were outfielder Edie Perlick, third baseman Maddy English and second baseman Sophie Kurys. For Kurys, it was her third straight year in the All-Star group and the honor was well-deserved in the light of her excellent 1948 performance.

The flash from Flint was the leading hitter for the Racine club in 1948. She led the league in most runs scored for the fourth time and the third successive year with 97. And she led, of course, in her specialty of base-stealing for the fifth consecutive year with 172. Sophie has a six-year lifetime stolen base record of 840.

A total of 2,897 people saw the opening game, when Eleanor Dapkus set down the South Bend Blue Sox with two hits to win, 10-2. But the Belles were off to a mediocre start and it was mid-June before they began to make their experience felt in the race. By that time, they had jumped to second place in the Western Division on the heels of an eight-game winning streak. They were batting ninth in the league but leading in fielding and getting strong pitching from Winter, Dapkus and Kotowicz.

The Belles staged another eight-game winning streak early in July that carried them into first place. On July 11, they had won 16 of their last seventeen games and compiled a third win streak of eight games. They had a mark of 38 wins and 20 losses with a percentage mark of .655 to lead the entire league, with Peoria six games behind and Grand Rapids 7 games back of the pace. But this was the high point of their season and they were hard pressed through August to maintain their lead.

With the championship of the Division hanging in the balance, the Rockford Peaches came to Ra-

cine for the Labor Day week end. The Belles were faced with the necessity of winning two out of the three games to be played in order to maintain their top position. They did so by knocking off the very talented Peaches in the first two games. In the final doubleheader of the season, 5,092 fans passed through the turnstiles for the top crowd of the season and one of the best that had ever attended a game in the six-year history of the sport in Racine. Although Grand Rapids played one less game than the Belles during the season and thus finished with a slightly higher percentage mark, the Belles had accomplished their goal in winning the Sectional Championship. It was the third championship captured by the club in six years of operation, giving it an over-all performance that topped any other team in the league.

During the off-season, the All-American Girls Baseball League returned to its original eight-team arrangement. During the 1949 season, clubs will operate in Racine, Kenosha, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Rockford, Peoria, Fort Wayne and South Bend. Players on the rosters of Chicago and Springfield in 1948 have been re-allocated to the existing clubs with a result that the caliber of experienced talent and the standard of play during 1949 should surpass anything that has ever previously been seen in the League. Racine has acquired some of this experienced talent, which should be extremely useful in the hot pennant fight that is bound to ensue. But mainly, the club will again rely upon its veteran players, seven of whom will be starting their seventh year with the Racine Belles.

Spring training in 1949 was confined to a brief outing at West Baden in southern Indiana, where the Belles were scheduled to iron out the kinks with players from Kenosha, Muskegon and Grand Rapids. This brief training session, starting May 9, was to be followed by exhibition appearances in Louisville, Kentucky, and the Indiana cities of Danville, Kokomo, Richmond and Evansville. The Belles were scheduled to open the 1949 season at home against the Grand Rapids Chicks on Sunday, May 22.

With a slightly later start than last year, with a much more interesting schedule which involves three swings around the circuit by the various teams, and with an anticipated better break from the weather man, it is hoped that Racine fans will again respond to this community sports enterprise by topping the 100,000 mark in attendance as they did in 1946 and 1947. Racine industry and business has again responded with a will in helping to support and sustain this civic project. With continued good work on the part of the team and the sports fans, we look for even greater accomplishments in 1949.

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Good Luck to Hutch

Good luck to an old friend is the wish of thousands of Racine fans with the news that Anna May Hutchison will wear the livery of the Muskegon Lassies in the 1949 season. Hutch was and always will be a prime favorite in Racine. She was a great competitor, too, especially in the 1946 and 1947 seasons, when her strong right arm carried the Belles to many thrilling victories. It was the luck of the draw this year that Racine must sacrifice a top flight pitcher in the interests of providing equitable balance of the talent throughout the league. The players know that this is the code of the All-American Girls Baseball League and they give their best for the team whose colors they wear. Racine fans will show their sportsmanship, too, by keeping a warm spot in their hearts for good old "Hutch."



SOPHIE KURYS . . . *leading Belles hitter.*

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HUTCH . . . *sore arm plagued her.*



THE RACINE GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE

"One of the finest youth recreation programs in the nation." That is how the Junior Belles program has been described by authorities on sports recreation. The Belles program for younger girls will enter its third year of operation with the advent of spring in 1949. Last summer it reached its peak as a well organized and accepted sport in Racine.

Starting in May of 1948, a call was made for all girls interested in baseball to turn out for spring training and trial workouts at the Washington Park Bowl in Racine. Under the direction and supervision of the Belles management and Leo Murphy, manager of the Racine Belles, four experienced managers had been appointed to handle the projected four-team league.

At the early workouts in the brisk spring air, more than 125 girls turned out for practice. Candidates were numbered for identification by the managers and scores of ambitious youngsters were put through their paces, throwing, batting, fielding and running. Gradually, the weeding-out process was carried along, until finally sixty of the very best prospects were selected to form the four teams of the Junior League.

These girls, on the basis of the points that had been recorded by the watchful managers, were then allocated to the four teams in accordance with the AAGBL method of allocation to provide the best possible balance of playing material and assure the closest possible competition.

The four teams were the Grays, under Herb Hoppe; the Greens under LeRoy Wood; the Golds under Pete Neidhardt; and the Reds under Roscoe Anderson. All four managers had been selected for their ability and interest to teach younger players on the basis of their own experience in baseball and other sports. In addition to the original four, there was Chris Hansen, who served as an additional coach and later in the season took over the helm of the Red team to perform an excellent job.

With the allocation of players, fifteen to each team, the managers were able to settle down and work with their own specific groups, teaching the fundamentals of the game, instructing in batting styles, teaching the playing of individual positions, improving the throwing and acquainting the girls with baseball signs and some of the procedures of "inside baseball."

Meanwhile, the selected players were being fitted and equipped with uniforms, in the exact pattern of the major league of girls baseball. The outfits included the one-piece skirted suit, stockings, cap and a standard league cardigan sweater with the league emblem. Players were required to supply their own gloves and shoes and all the girls readily equipped themselves with the regular spiked baseball shoe. Bats, balls, catching paraphernalia and other equipment of this nature were furnished by the league. The uniforms were in the four colors designated for

JUNIOR LEAGUE BOARD OF STRATEGY • *Seated, left to right:* Bill Priaulx, Herb Hoppe, Mildred Wilson, LeRoy Wood, Leo Murphy. *Standing:* Pete Neidhardt, Roscoe Anderson.



the individual teams, Gray, Green, Gold and Red, all with green trim and accessories.

The exclusive rules of the All-American Girls Baseball League were placed in effect, with a slightly reduced pitching distance for the developing arms of the pitchers. It was the first time any of these players had worked under actual baseball rules, with the smaller ball, overhand pitching, leading off bases and base stealing in the pattern of the AAGBL.

The actual season opened on June 15, with a whopping 22-10 victory for the Grays over the Golds. This score was typical of the early season play, with a plentiful number of bases on balls, errors and mental lapses contributing to high scores and long drawn out contests. But the play and the ability of the players improved by leaps and bounds. Pitching settled down and became more accurate, the fielding improved tremendously and the throwing advanced steadily. Above all, the mental and physical development of the players was apparent to the managers with each succeeding game. Before the end of the season, many a thrilling game was being played with scores of 4-3, 2-1 and 1-0.

During the early part of the season, two all-star teams picked from the league rosters, appeared in a special benefit game at Burlington. A crowd of over 1,000 adults was included in the paid attendance and the girls acquitted themselves in noble style, drawing continual applause and high praise from the critical occupants of the stands. The game gave the Burlington community a fair picture of the type of game played by the girls in the major circuit and helped to win many fans to the sport.

On several occasions, the Junior players appeared at Horlick Field in connection with games by the Racine Belles. A number of regular league games were played as preliminaries to league games of the Belles. The girls, in their natty outfits and with their spirited interest in the game, were well received by the followers of the AAGBL. Their dramatic appearance on the diamond on several occasions won the praise of many fans for the program which had made this junior project possible.

The season was a good one for the players. Competition within the league was strong. Each team played one evening each week and all teams played on Saturday afternoon at the Washington Park Bowl. Here, a diamond had been set aside especially for the Junior Belles, where all games and frequent practices were held. Special care was taken, in view of the age and limitations of the players, not to overwork or overtax the capacities of the girls. Many of the parents cooperated with the management in keeping the operation on a practical level. Whenever the teams travelled for exhibition purposes, they were well chaperoned by managers and their wives, as well as a number of the parents of the players.

The pennant fight eventually developed into a heated struggle between the Grays and the Greens, with the former emerging triumphant after a series of tight and spirited games. In a special award ceremony at Horlick Field, preceding a late season game of the Racine Belles, the Belles management awarded trophies to the members of the winning team and paid tribute to all the players who had acquitted themselves so well in their first season of regular baseball play. The ceremony was referred to by Max Carey, AAGBL president, as the most impressive he had ever witnessed in the history of the major girls league and Racine fans took justifiable pride in the results of the excellent program which they had made possible.

The season uncovered some exceptional talent among the ranks of the junior girls. Whether they plan to play ball in coming years,

GRAYS • *Front row:* Helen Cook, Linda Lou Hoppe, Dorothy Danek. *Middle row:* Marilyn Leuker, Nancy Hall, Nancy Ann Noe, Karen Gotsche, Joyce Lewandowski, Connie Dreher. *Back row:* Mary Ann Wood, Edna Zimmer, Rosemary Sarles, Herb Hoppe, Jackie Meinert, Rosemary Bonnar, Lorraine Kale.



GREENS • *Front Row:* Karen Jacobs, Rosemary Paonessa, Betty Karecka. *Middle row:* Joan Braun, Lou Case, Ada Dacquisto, Liz Anderson, Evelyn Wells. *Back row:* Rita Buisse, Janice Tuinstra, Dorothy Leuker, Leroy Wood, Nancy Christensen, Betty Schmidt, Bertie Cashman.



whether they aspire to make the grade in the major circuit, or whether they merely wish to indulge temporarily in this fine youth recreation program, is not of great importance to the management. The main purpose, in the interests of a better youth and a better community, is to provide the opportunity for supervised sports on a high level and the value of organized competition with its attendant benefits to youth later in life.

Among the leading hitters developed in the 1948 season was Jackie Meinert, first sacker of the championship Grays, who played excellent all-around ball during the season and hit well over the .300 mark. Another standout among the hitters was Dorothy Leuker of the Greens, also a first baseman with all the attributes of a future great. She is a polished fielder at the position and is possessed of an excellent throwing arm. Emma Collova, who played most the season at third base for the Golds was another infielder who showed promise, fielding and throwing with notable ability for a high school girl. Mary Ann Wood, Liz Anderson and Nancy Christensen were rated among the top players in all-around ability, as was another Leuker by the name of Marilyn who played third base for the Grays.

Among the outfielders, little Mary Hochgurtel impressed with her left-handed throwing and her lusty swinging from the portside, showing a natural ability that never failed to win the attention of observing fans. Arlene Timler, as a catcher or outfielder, was an extremely valuable player and a fast-improving player. And Nancy Ann Noe looked like a natural as a ball hawk and a real threat at the plate.

The four top pitchers were Rosemary Bonnar, Joyce Rohde, Betty Schmidt and Nancy Chopyak. Bonnar took top pitching honors for the year and it was largely her excellent mound work which helped the Grays to the championship. She is possessed of the angular build and wealth of speed that might help her to go far in pitching circles, if she can master control and develop a change of pace. Little Miss Rohde, only 12 years old, was a sensation wherever she appeared and showed the results of earlier training. She displayed extreme confidence and coolness on the mound and dished up an assortment of stuff that proved baffling to the batters. With careful handling, she could easily develop into a future great. Betty Schmidt and Nancy Chopyak, taking up pitching for the first time, developed rapidly and another season should see them at their best, as future prospects for big-time ball.

The continuance of the junior program is a "must" in the Belles operation for the coming year. It is one of the prime reasons for the entire community project of girls baseball, because it helps to provide the recreation and training and entertainment for youth in the community that is designed to build better citizens.

The Racine Belles Girls Baseball League will continue in 1949 and it is anticipated that almost the entire personnel from last year's teams will participate, with additional opportunity extended to other girls who may qualify for positions with the various teams.

In addition to regular local league play, it is planned that a league will be formed to embrace surrounding towns and communities. Racine will be represented by its top players in competition with such communities as Kenosha, Milwaukee, Sturtevant, Burlington, South Milwaukee and Waukegan.

This league may be the proving ground for girl baseball stars of the future. But most important, it will provide one of the best youth training programs in the nation and the making of our citizens of tomorrow.

GOLDS • *Front row:* Joyce Rohde, Janet Wells. *Middle row:* Ruth Metz, Emma Collova, Marlene Timler, Judy Christensen. *Back row:* Sally Konnak, Gail Clark, Betty Szondi, Lois Harig, Helen Schutta, Lois Nank.



REDS • *Front row:* Lois Cook, Mary Hochgurtel. *Middle row:* Arlene Monteith, Donna Wadewitz, Alice Piper, Audrey Petavine, Evelyn Braun. *Back row:* Chris Hansen, Nancy Chopyak, Sharon Redford, Billie Marie Hansen, Rosemary Galovits, Roscoe Anderson.













1. ***Shining example*** . . . Ginnie Tezak, Ellie Dapkus, Jennie Romatowski and Mary Kimball of the Belles turn out to encourage the juniors.

2. ***To the winners*** . . . Bill Wadewitz presents winning trophies to the Grays. Joyce Lewandowski receives her trophy, while Nancy Ann Noe watches from the background. The little lass is Linda Lou, bat girl and daughter of manager Herb Hoppe.

3. ***Budding prospects*** . . . Herb Hoppe pitches as the spring crop of hopefuls show their batting form.

4. ***A big hit*** . . . that's what the Junior Belles were in the annual 4th of July Goodwill parade.

5. ***Left-handed catcher*** . . . that's Judy Christensen behind the plate, while Alice Krizan prepares to smack one and Russ Rebholz umpires.

6. ***Fit and proper*** . . . Dorothy Leuker, Jackie Meinert, Joan Braun and Alice Piper of the Junior League get fitted for their new uniforms.

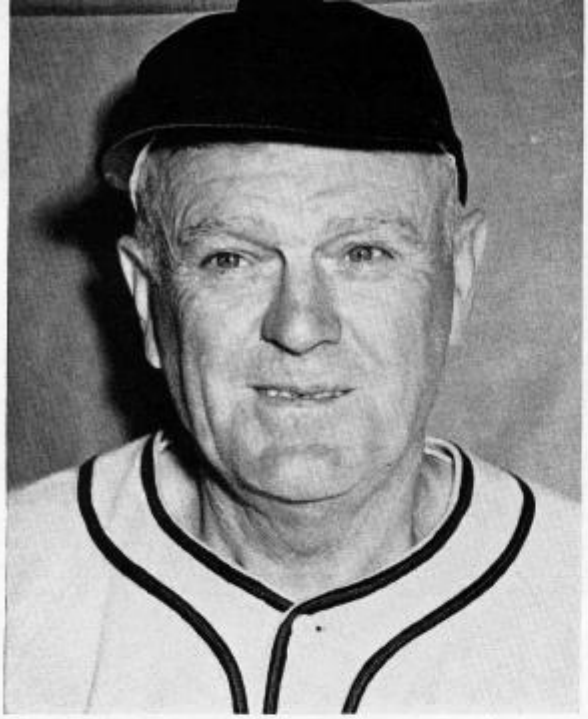
7. ***Happy Gang*** . . . here is the entire group representing the Racine Belles Junior League ready to start the season at the Park Bowl.

8. ***Here's how*** . . . Roscoe Anderson gives the junior prospects some valuable hints on batting.









LEO MURPHY . . . *Manager of the Belles*

Leo Murphy needs no introduction to Racine sports fans. He is a veteran of more than 25 years in organized baseball and his playing career was climaxed by his performances in the major leagues with the Pittsburgh Pirates and Cincinnati Reds. He was part owner and manager of Winston-Salem when it won the Piedmont League title years ago and he managed several teams in this vicinity, including the original Racine Belles in the old Midwest League. Leo has managed the Racine Belles in the All-American Girls Baseball League since mid-season of 1945. In his three full years as manager, he piloted the club to a league championship and playoff championship in 1946, to second place and the finals of the playoff series in 1947, and to a sectional championship in 1948. He has been a Racine resident for many years and is employed in Racine industry during the off-season. He is recognized as one of the best pilots and teachers in the girls game today and has won the unstinting loyalty of players and fans alike. Under his direction, the Racine Belles have never failed to finish in the top brackets during the regular season and acquit themselves nobly in championship play.

MILDRED WILSON . . . *Chaperone of the Belles*

Willie Wilson is a sports star in her own right. A graduate of Long Island University in Physical Education, she played softball and basketball with championship teams in the Greater New York area. She came to the Racine Belles in mid-season of 1945 and has enjoyed a successful career in handling first aid, equipment, housing, traveling and general deportment and morale of the team. During the last two years, she has made Racine her permanent home and is now engaged in the candy and confection business with Joanne Winter. During the past two winters, Willie has played basketball with local girls teams. In the 1948-49 season, she was a kingpin on the strong Metal Parts girls team which won the top honors in the Racine Girls Classic League. She passed up an opportunity to tour the country with the famous Cover Girls basketball team in order to remain in Racine this winter to attend to her business and play with a local club. Racine fans who know Willie are hoping that she will remain in our midst for a long time to come.



WILLIAM PRIAULX . . . *Business Manager of the Belles.*

Bill Priaulx is a local product with a long record of achievement in sports and sports promotion. He was a graduate of Washington Park High School, where he played with an outstanding championship high school golf team, along with such eminent golfers as Wilford Wehrle, Hank Kaiser and Ray Billow. Bill made golf his career for many years, serving as professional at several clubs and gaining a reputation as one of the best instructors and teachers of the sport in this area. He is a highly regarded member of the Professional Golfers Association. He originated the Racine Commercial Golf League and the now-famous Trenchfoot Golf Tournament. During the last two years he has served as full-time business manager of the Racine Belles and has helped in the business administration of football and basketball projects in the City of Racine. During the present season, he is operating his own golf range and practice fairways, one of the most modern golf headquarters of its kind, on the Green Bay Road, opposite Meadowbrook Country Club. His efficient handling of all Belles games is well known to every Belles fan.





BERGMAN, ERMA M.

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 7 in. Weight: 150 lbs.
Born: 6-18-24, St. Louis, Missouri. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

This St. Louis woman appeared in the All-American Girls Baseball League for the first time in 1946, when the Muskegon Lassies first joined the league. She was brought into the league as a potential outfielder, but she soon displayed an adaptability to the sidearm type of pitching. She was the mainstay of the Lassies pitching staff in that year with fifteen wins for a losing club. She helped the Lassies to the league championship in 1947 with 11 wins and 10 losses. And last year, toiling for a tail-end Springfield club, she won 9 games while losing nineteen. She is sturdy and strong, possessed of an easy delivery and now boasts the type of experience under fire that should be extremely valuable to the Racine club. Playing with a winning combination, she might be expected to have a banner year in the livery of the Belles.

Year	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	ERA
1946.....	35	15	16	.484	263	974	195	119	60	28	94	62	16	3	2.05
1947.....	27	11	10	.524	207	734	137	74	40	19	71	47	6	3	1.74
1948.....	32	9	19	.321	236	866	190	127	80	37	85	77	16	3	3.05
Total....	94	35	45	.438	706	2574	522	320	180	84	250	186	38	9	2.28



DANHAUSER, MARNIE

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 7 in. Weight: 140 lbs.
Born: 6-9-21, Racine, Wisconsin. Residence: Racine, Wisconsin.

The first home town girl to make good in the big leagues, Marnie has been a fixture at first base for the Belles ever since the start in 1943. She is now playing her seventh successive season for the local team and she has consistently rated among the very top defensive players of the game. While her batting power has left something to be desired, she has saved many a game with sensational work at the initial bag and she offers an excellent target for throws from other members of the infield. She has worked hard on batting form and occasionally comes through with the telling type of blow. Marnie is an all-around sports star and has won her share of laurels at bowling, golf and basketball. For several years past, she has performed with local teams in the cage sport and she is employed in local industry during the winter months.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943.....	61	162	18	27	31	2	1	0	6	6	8	1	21	11	.167
1944.....	109	329	34	49	49	0	0	0	13	27	35	7	34	16	.149
1945.....	110	335	25	31	105	0	0	0	21	12	20	3	10	20	.093
1946.....	113	387	35	76	181	3	3	2	8	20	31	9	41	21	.196
1947.....	112	364	21	45	98	0	0	1	15	15	27	6	20	28	.124
1948.....	125	390	24	65	162	10	6	0	20	9	32	6	38	48	.167
Total.....	630	1967	157	293	626	15	10	3	83	89	153	32	164	144	.149



DAPKUS, ELEANOR VIRGINIA

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 7 in. Weight: 160 lbs.
Born: 12-5-23, Chicago, Illinois. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Starting her seventh year with the Racine Belles, this Chicago product has always been known as one of the league's power hitters. She still holds the league record for most home runs in one season and she has hit more round-trip swats than any other player in six years of league competition. During the 1948 season, while dividing her work between the outfield and the pitcher's mound, it was her pitching that shone. She won 24 games in her first full year as a hurler. She tied for most games pitched when she appeared in 39 games and she also tied for most shutout games with 10. During the season, she manufactured a seven-inning no-hit, no-run game against Springfield with only one pitch being hit to the outfield. Her six-year batting record follows:

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943.....	89	309	65	68	113	6	5	10	5	25	30	3	42	36	.220
1944.....	103	362	48	99	132	10	4	5	2	46	34	1	56	17	.273
1945.....	100	345	26	79	225	9	2	0	7	21	46	3	37	21	.229
1946.....	112	403	49	102	249	6	9	8	6	25	51	2	57	36	.253
1947.....	112	398	25	86	189	7	5	2	13	16	35	2	41	59	.216
1948.....	116	411	39	83	203	5	6	4	7	18	43	0	46	57	.202
Total.....	632	2228	252	517	1111	44	31	29	40	151	239	11	279	226	.232

ENGLISH, MADELINE KATHLEEN

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 4 in. Weight: 130 lbs.
Born: 2-22-25, Everett, Mass. Residence: Everett, Mass.

This bundle of dynamite from New England has been a mainstay of the Racine club since 1943 and is consistently rated with the top third sackers in the girls game. In 1946 and again in 1948, she won the selection as an All-Star at that position on the team which is picked by the league managers. Although it shows neither in the batting or fielding records, Maddy is the top choice because of her extremely aggressive play, her team spirit and her never-say-die attitude on every possible play. She is certainly possessed of one of the strongest arms in girls baseball and she uses it to advantage in making many spectacular throws from the hot corner. She is a student of physical education and has starred in many sports, as well as serving as an official in her home town area.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943.....	101	359	69	79	87	0	4	0	9	75	33	1	23	21	.220
1944.....	112	371	50	45	53	2	3	0	6	65	61	4	21	37	.121
1945.....	99	349	33	54	142	1	1	0	17	24	43	3	16	41	.155
1946.....	75	257	21	55	113	1	1	1	14	39	24	1	21	19	.214
1947.....	103	335	31	44	122	2	1	1	22	47	36	2	30	49	.131
1948.....	121	400	41	64	152	4	6	0	15	60	49	6	24	72	.160
Total.....	611	2071	245	341	669	10	16	2	83	310	246	17	135	239	.165



WINTER, JOANNE EMILY

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 7½ in. Weight: 138 lbs.
Born: 11-24-24, Maywood, Illinois. Residence: Racine, Wisconsin.

One of the most popular and accomplished players in the game, stately Jo has been a member of the Belles for seven years. She reached the climax of her career in 1946, when she suddenly blossomed into the league's winningest pitcher with a record 33 wins and set a number of all-time league records. Switching to overhand style in 1948, she again enjoyed an outstanding year. She was tied for most wins with 25 and led the league in most complete games, 34, most innings pitched, 329, most strike-outs 248, and most low hit games (4 or less) with 15. She won herself a place on the All-Star team for the second time. Jo now lives in Racine and has established herself in a successful candy and confection business. She played basketball with the championship Metal Parts in the Racine Girls Classic League this winter.

Year	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	ERA
1943.....	29	11	11	.500	200	826	201	121	57	23	47	13	1	6	2.57
1944.....	40	15	23	.395	310	1185	276	172	102	27	133	52	13	11	2.96
1945.....	34	7	22	.241	256	975	209	125	72	37	77	35	11	2	2.53
1946.....	46	33	10	.767	349	1212	199	82	46	39	132	183	14	14	1.19
1947.....	38	22	13	.629	297	1069	222	93	68	37	122	121	15	4	2.06
1948.....	38	25	12	.676	329	1128	149	67	43	31	86	248	10	3	1.18
Total....	225	113	91	.554	1741	6395	1256	660	388	194	597	652	64	40	2.08



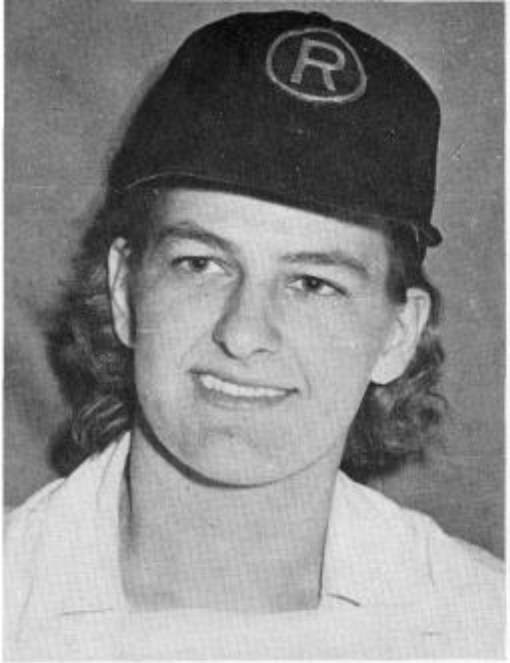
HICKSON, MAE IRENE

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 2 in. Weight: 116 lbs.
Born: 8-4-18, Chattanooga, Tenn. Residence: Racine, Wisconsin.

Playing her seventh season with the Racine Belles, the Chattanooga Choo-Choo must be classed as one of the headiest veterans of the game. She brought to the league in 1943 a wealth of experience in softball and other sports and she has always been one of the most spirited players. Her aggressive brand of play has brought about a variety of injuries and she has played under physical handicaps that would shelve a less hardy individual. Tuffy, as she is known, is a spark plug of the team from the important catching position. During the recent off-season, she has made Racine her home, working in local industrial concerns and playing basketball with the Classic League championship Metal Parts Girls team.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	oBB	HB	RBI	oSO	Pct.
1943.....	68	193	62	54	68	4	4	1	11	68	34	4	24	16	.280
1944.....	85	325	52	47	48	1	0	0	10	76	35	7	9	15	.145
1945.....	97	318	36	55	159	5	1	0	5	39	43	4	21	33	.173
1946.....	46	147	34	28	59	1	2	1	3	41	39	4	12	7	.187
1947.....	101	309	34	47	118	6	2	0	9	49	42	14	21	23	.152
1948.....	97	287	37	47	100	3	5	0	7	23	51	8	16	48	.164
Total.....	494	1579	255	278	552	20	13	2	45	296	244	37	79	142	.176





HILL, JOYCE

Bats: L. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 4 in. Weight: 150 lbs.
Born: 12-29-25, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Residence: Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Joyce is a gal who came off the farm to make good in the big league of girls baseball. Hailing from Kenosha County, she had her first chance in the AAGBL with Grand Rapids in 1945, where she appeared in only nine games. In 1946, she played with South Bend and Fort Wayne. And in 1947, she was the regular catcher with the Peoria Redwings, coming into her own as a .227 power hitter. In an early season trade last season, Joyce landed with the Racine club and gave the Belles much needed insurance at the backstop position. She hits powerfully from the left side of the plate and can drive a long ball. With special attention to her throwing, she could become one of the most valuable catchers in the game. It is expected that she will see considerable service with the Belles in 1949.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	1B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1945.....	9	18		2											.111
1946.....	21	57	6	7	26	0	0	0	0	7	9	1	3	12	.123
1947.....	90	251	24	57	131	5	2	0	8	16	36	7	19	26	.227
1948.....	89	252	29	47	115	6	5	0	9	18	43	5	28	37	.187
Total.....	209	578	59	113	272	11	7	0	17	41	88	13	50	75	.196



PALESH, SHIRLEY ELLEN

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 4 in. Weight: 140 lbs.
Born: 11-23-29, Chicago, Ill. Residence: Wausau, Wisconsin.

This newcomer to the All-American Girls Baseball League was born in the City of Chicago but her family moved to Wisconsin when she was two years old. She attended Glandon Grade School at Hewitt, Wisconsin, and for some years past has made her home at Wausau, Wisconsin. She has worked in a cleaning establishment and meanwhile indulged her interest in athletics, playing organized softball and basketball. Last year she was a member of the Wausau Lumber Jeans in the Northern Wisconsin Girls Softball League who tied for the league lead and also won a regional softball tournament. Playing both outfield and pitcher, she was among the leading hitters of the league and she won 21 games while losing only 4. This record brought her to the attention of AAGBL scouts and she was signed for a tryout in 1949. Her father played ball and her older brother, who is a baseball pitcher, also helped to develop her ability at an early age. During the spring training exercises, Shirley played in the outfield for the Belles in several games and showed promise of developing into a useful all-around player. Her intimates know her as "Butch." She is the only actual rookie to start the 1949 season with the local team and both her teammates and the fans are pulling for her to make good in the big time.



KOEHN, PHYLLIS

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 5 in. Weight: 130 lbs.
Born: 9-15-22, Marshfield, Wisconsin. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sugar is a veteran of the AAGBL, now playing in her seventh season. She started with Kenosha in 1943 and was one of the top outfielders in the league during its first two years. Later, as a member of the South Bend Blue Sox, she turned to sidearm pitching with outstanding success. She won 22 games for the Blue Sox in 1946. And she came back with 16 wins in 1947. Last season, she started as a member of the Blue Sox, where she played 18 games and was then traded to Peoria who used her in 15 contests. She was picked up on waivers by Racine and performed in 46 games, as a pitcher, third baseman, first baseman, outfielder and pinch hitter. She knows the game thoroughly and can be a valuable asset to the Belles. Her batting record follows:

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943.....	95	353	56	84	117	9	6	4	7	37	14	2	52	21	.238
1944.....	114	428	62	91	112	6	6	1	3	50	15	8	42	13	.213
1945.....	115	408	32	95	252	5	3	1	4	15	24	0	43	19	.233
1946.....	48	151	11	24	56	5	1	0	1	1	8	0	14	15	.159
1947.....	49	128	4	20	56	1	3	0	2	1	7	0	11	13	.156
1948.....	79	256	22	41	97	6	2	0	1	9	14	1	21	39	.160
Total.....	500	1724	187	355	690	32	21	6	18	113	82	11	183	120	.206

KOTOWICZ, IRENE KATHERINE

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 4½ in. Weight: 130 lbs.
Born: 12-10-23, Chicago, Illinois. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Irene, who is better known as "Ike," is a league veteran of several seasons. She started as an outfielder with Rockford in 1945, where she played 52 games during that season. The 1946 season saw her playing 37 games in the outfield for Fort Wayne. During the 1947 season, when she turned to sidearm pitching, she played for Fort Wayne and Kenosha but had little chance to show her wares. Racine picked her up in the 1948 allocation and she proved a life-saver for the local mound corps. Plagued by wildness at first, she continued to master the overhand delivery and developed a fine assortment of stuff which made her all but invincible on her good days. She won some really big games for the Belles in 1948, gained immeasurably in confidence and should be a top performer in 1949.

Year	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	ERA
1947.....	23	8	10	.444	162	583	120	69	47	33	64	30	13	3	2.61
1948.....	37	18	17	.514	296	1037	193	109	89	38	167	197	20	13	2.71
Total....	60	26	27	.481	458	1620	313	178	136	71	231	227	33	16	2.66



KURYS, SOPHIE MARY

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 5 in. Weight: 120 lbs.
Born: 5-14-25, Flint, Michigan. Residence: Flint, Michigan.

One of the outstanding stars of girls baseball, Sophie is playing her seventh year with the Belles. Chosen as Player of the Year in 1946, she has been a unanimous choice as All-Star second baseman from the start. She has led the league in runs scored four times and in stolen bases for five successive years. She also holds the record for highest fielding percentage at second base for one season. Over a period of six years, she has played more games, 676, scored more runs, 515, stolen more bases, 840, and received more bases on balls, 389, than any other player in the league. She led the club in hitting last year and toured South America with a selection of all-stars last winter.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943.....	106	383	60	104	135	8	7	3	15	44	28	2	59	21	.271
1944.....	116	394	87	96	112	7	3	1	9	166	69	7	60	32	.244
1945.....	105	347	73	83	260	6	2	1	19	115	69	6	15	27	.239
1946.....	113	392	117	112	249	5	6	3	10	201	93	10	33	31	.286
1947.....	112	432	82	99	192	8	6	2	2	142	49	7	19	31	.229
1948.....	124	444	97	112	201	12	5	3	2	172	81	17	22	21	.252
Total.....	676	2392	515	606	1149	46	29	13	57	840	389	48	208	163	.253

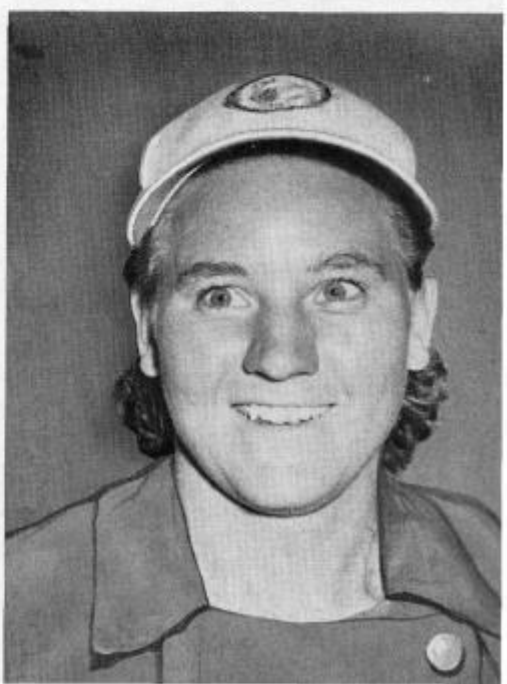


MEIER, NAOMI (SALLY)

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 9½ in. Weight: 148 lbs.
Born: 11-17-26, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Residence: Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Sally came into the All-American Girls Baseball League in 1946, as a member of the Rockford Peaches. She was one of the top rookies of that year, playing 103 games in left field for the club and batting in the first ten with .249. Her hitting took a nose-dive in 1947, when she played 68 games with Rockford and 24 with Fort Wayne. Last season, she was a mainstay of the Chicago Colleens, leading that club in batting average, total hits, runs scored and runs-batted-in. She plays a steady outfield game and wields a very potent stick. If she clicks with the Belles, it is more than likely that her big bat will help the local cause and give the Racine team some of that much-needed punch at the plate.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1946.....	103	374	44	93	203	2	2	1	9	33	23	4	49	26	.249
1947.....	92	308	27	47	110	3	2	1	5	16	25	6	18	38	.153
1948.....	127	450	54	100	212	5	3	0	6	55	39	5	47	63	.222
Total.....	322	1132	125	240	525	10	7	2	20	104	87	15	114	127	.212





PERLICK, EDYTHE L.

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 4 in. Weight: 138 lbs.
Born: 12-12-22, Chicago, Illinois. Residence, Chicago, Illinois.

Playing with the Belles in her seventh season, Edie is regarded as one of the best all-around outfielders in the girls game. She has consistently batted among the leaders and as a ball hawk in the outer pasture she has no peer. She has been selected as an all-star outfielder for two successive years and she toured South America during the past winter with a selection of league all-stars. As evidence of her ability to hit in the clutch, she has batted in more runs in six years of play, 292, than any other league player. Edie has made Racine her home during the past winter, working in local industry, and she played basketball with the championship Metal Parts Girls team in the Racine Classic League.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1943.....	84	310	56	83	104	10	4	1	11	55	22	0	42	10	.268
1944.....	116	423	51	97	114	7	2	2	8	52	30	6	63	9	.229
1945.....	107	389	47	83	265	4	7	2	14	44	25	5	41	14	.213
1946.....	112	431	72	99	228	6	8	4	8	88	37	3	56	17	.230
1947.....	112	436	62	104	214	11	6	2	1	83	21	5	39	19	.239
1948.....	111	415	55	101	206	11	3	2	4	82	39	4	51	28	.243
Total.....	643	2404	343	567	1131	49	30	13	46	404	174	23	292	97	.236



TREZZA, BETTY

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height: 5 ft. 2 in. Weight: 125 lbs.
Born: 8-4-25, Brooklyn, N. Y. Residence: Brooklyn, N. Y.

"Mo" has been a fixture with the Belles since she joined the team in 1946 and played stellar ball on the infield and in center field. She had previously played with Minneapolis in 1944 and with Fort Wayne and South Bend in 1945. She has played all infield positions with the exception of first base and proved herself a top defensive player. During the last two seasons, she has played regularly at shortstop for the Belles but she is also capable of playing the best defensive center field in the league. Betty works in her native New York during the winter but she took time out this year to tour South America with other AAGBL players and it is reported that she played sensational ball on the trip.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1944.....	64	194	25	21	28	1	0	2	6	48	29	1	16	16	.108
1945.....	36	276	28	31	125	2	0	0	21	14	36	0	16	36	.112
1946.....	111	422	58	74	186	6	8	0	9	65	52	2	43	42	.175
1947.....	112	433	51	68	145	4	3	1	13	66	27	2	27	36	.157
1948.....	126	469	67	85	192	4	4	1	26	64	44	5	27	56	.181
Total.....	499	1794	229	279	676	17	15	4	75	257	168	9	129	185	.156



WENZELL, MARGE

Bats: R. Throws: R. Height 5 ft. 4 in. Weight: 118 lbs.
Born: 5-21-25, Detroit, Michigan. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Marge came into the All-American League in 1945 as a member of the Grand Rapids Chicks, with which team she appeared in 34 games. In the following year, when she was allocated to the new Muskegon club in the league, she had the misfortune to suffer a shoulder dislocation and was able to appear in only 8 games. In the following year, she came back to play 7 games with Peoria and 24 with Fort Wayne. In 1948, she was a member of the orphan Springfield Sallies, where she indicated she was on the way back by playing 104 games as an infielder and outfielder. Marge is fleet of foot and a good defensive player. She will add insurance on the defensive side for the Racine club as an experienced and capable reserve.

Year	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
1945.....	34	93	10	16	63	2	1	0	1	6	19	1	11	15	.172
1946.....	8	26		7											.269
1947.....	31	72	4	7	21	1	0	0	4	11	14	1	0	13	.097
1948.....	104	346	30	58	162	3	4	1	15	33	55	3	19	39	.168
Total.....	177	537	44	88	246	6	5	1	20	50	88	5	30	67	.164



Man, woman and child . . . they all enjoy Belles games.

RINGING THE COMMUNITY BELLES

In addition to its championship achievements, which have all won favorable publicity for the City of Racine, the Racine Belles and their management have done much to further the interests of young and old in our community. Among some of the notable accomplishments during recent years, the operation of the Belles has made these things possible:

1. IMPROVED SEATING. The Belles management, at its own expense, has vastly improved the seating at the community-owned Horlick Athletic Field, to the benefit and advantage of all people attending all events staged at that location.

2. PARK PRESS BOX. At its own expense, the Belles management has built and installed the press box and facilities on top of the grandstand at Horlick Field, which is used to advantage by the press and the field announcing at all events held in the park.

3. IMPROVED LIGHTING. At its own expense, the Belles management has purchased and installed greatly improved lighting at the Horlick Athletic Field, which adds to the standard of play in all sports and adds to the enjoyment of all events on the part of spectators.

4. JUNIOR GIRLS. At its exclusive expense, the Belles management has organized and operates a complete baseball league for Junior girls in Racine, which is described elsewhere in this annual, and which provides a supervised teen-age sports program for girls.

5. JUNIOR BOYS. The Belles management, during the last two or three years, has given financial support and encouragement for teen-age boys, by helping to purchase uniforms and equipment used for this purpose in the City Recreational Leagues.

6. ANNUAL YEAR BOOK. The Belles management has annually prepared, produced and distributed free copies of its Year Book, the only club in the league with such a record, and this book carries information and news about Racine to all parts of the United States.

7. SPECIAL YOUTH EVENTS. Over the years, the Belles management has provided special events and sports entertainment for such groups as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Junior Police, Kiwanis Knothole Gang, Taylor Orphanage Children and other groups in the interests of youth recreation.

All of these things, and more, have been carried on and accomplished by the Racine Belles management in the interests of the community. They are all above and beyond and not included in rent paid for the use of the premises at Horlick Athletic Field. In addition to these contributions and activities, the Racine Belles have attracted more people and paid more revenue to the community-owned sports stadium than any other sports enterprise in the history of the city.

Gate receipts alone have never supported this big-time operation and it is likely that they never will in a community of this size. The balance of the support must be made up by public-spirited and community-minded people and organizations. But the individual fan can help by attending all the games possible and encouraging friends, relatives and neighbors to support the Belles. With every ticket you purchase for a Belles game, you not only see a fine exhibition of feminine sports skill but you also help to provide clean, wholesome, sports recreation for hundreds of Racine boys and girls and you help to make Racine a better place in which to work and in which to live. A boost for the Belles is a boost for Racine.

Let there be light . . . Vic Seitz of Horlick Field



ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE BATTING RECORDS—1948

All Records Compiled by Howe News Bureau, Chicago

CLUB BATTING

Name of Club	G	AB	R	OR	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	LOB	Pct.
South Bend	127	3915	410	412	840	2414	45	31	3	159	227	881	.215
Grand Rapids	126	3901	460	351	820	2447	87	26	14	173	312	869	.210
Muskegon	125	3845	472	390	806	2391	56	30	6	189	370	826	.210
Rockford	126	3960	450	372	822	1964	66	45	11	137	312	856	.208
Peoria	126	3875	485	428	783	2025	78	34	11	164	357	862	.202
Fort Wayne	126	3853	397	461	732	2175	39	47	5	187	330	902	.190
Racine	126	3906	453	353	737	1629	67	41	14	113	487	816	.189
Kenosha	127	3935	411	413	737	1593	58	40	10	127	295	828	.187
Springfield	125	3785	342	554	703	1624	50	40	3	79	314	807	.186
Chicago	126	3730	346	492	672	1652	58	30	6	171	334	753	.180

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Player and Club	G	AB	R	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
Wagner, Audrey, Kenosha	117	417	70	130	295	16	14	4	0	53	56	6	56	31	.312
Wisham, Mary, Peoria	126	438	69	128	349	24	12	3	3	64	82	7	58	41	.292
Wisniewski, Connie, Grand Rapids	124	439	70	127	409	20	2	7	7	60	68	8	66	30	.289
Kamenshek, Dorothy, Rockford	124	448	89	128	258	8	5	2	10	94	72	7	35	14	.286
Wagoner, Betty, Muskegon-So. Bend	84	248	42	69	181	2	1	0	13	7	42	6	11	42	.278
Peppas, June, Fort Wayne	20	53	5	14	53	1	1	2	4	0	1	0	9	8	.264
Wawryshyn, Evelyn, Springfield	118	435	58	114	216	4	4	0	16	66	32	6	30	39	.262
Pryer, Charlene, Muskegon	112	408	70	107	257	5	3	1	17	58	56	5	29	41	.262
Mahon, Elizabeth, South Bend	117	422	59	109	352	12	4	2	10	38	48	2	65	26	.258
Sams, Doris, Muskegon	117	409	57	105	307	6	7	3	10	23	39	5	59	41	.257
Kurys, Sophie, Racine	124	444	97	112	201	12	5	3	2	172	81	17	22	21	.252
Fischer, Alva Jo, Muskegon	107	353	31	89	249	10	1	0	20	14	26	6	36	22	.252
Keagle, Merle, Grand Rapids	116	423	75	106	289	11	9	3	6	85	61	14	27	41	.251
Harrell, Dorothy, Rockford	116	414	52	104	285	9	7	1	18	45	48	8	58	21	.251
Callow, Eleanor, Chicago-Rockford	114	387	43	97	273	6	15	6	6	19	23	4	52	38	.251
Janssen, Frances, Grand Rapids	11	20	2	5	18	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	4	4	.250
Kellogg, Vivian, Fort Wayne	126	472	52	117	284	9	9	0	9	19	39	3	43	39	.248
Satterfield, Doris, Grand Rapids	125	452	45	111	341	10	6	1	21	40	30	8	61	22	.246
Perlick, Edythe, Racine	111	415	55	101	206	11	3	2	4	82	39	4	51	28	.243
Stolze, Dorothy, Muskegon	121	467	62	113	255	2	3	0	21	67	26	1	29	29	.242
Wirth, Senaida, South Bend	113	399	60	96	257	6	4	0	28	36	42	6	26	37	.241
Gacioch, Rose, Rockford	121	426	41	102	230	11	3	1	14	18	39	9	44	28	.239
Dancer, Faye, Peoria	122	459	89	109	228	10	2	6	8	102	55	13	34	79	.237
Luna, Betty, Chicago	97	257	22	61	152	7	6	1	7	24	28	2	26	32	.237
Schofield, June, Springfield	125	440	40	104	245	12	9	2	2	29	46	10	49	44	.236
Roth, Eilaine, Peoria	16	17	5	4	12	1	0	0	1	4	1	1	2	0	.235
Baker, Mary, South Bend	126	468	62	109	250	3	4	0	11	56	56	7	29	33	.233
Marrero, Mirtha, Chicago	30	73	5	17	33	1	0	0	5	0	4	2	3	13	.233
Mayer, Rita, Peoria	122	457	49	106	279	12	1	2	17	45	31	0	68	32	.232
Faut, Jean, South Bend	50	104	6	24	75	2	0	0	6	1	12	2	7	10	.231
Barr, Doris, Springfield	73	174	14	40	95	4	5	0	2	6	28	0	10	20	.230
Briggs, Wilma, Fort Wayne	67	193	14	44	124	0	6	1	4	2	42	2	15	19	.228
Voyce, Inez, Grand Rapids	126	436	46	99	313	9	2	1	18	31	66	4	52	29	.227
Faralla, Lillian, South Bend	66	169	5	38	95	3	0	0	6	2	14	0	16	23	.225
Reeser, Sara, Muskegon	110	372	42	83	254	6	1	0	32	30	55	0	28	32	.223
Meier, Naomi, Peoria-Chicago	127	450	54	100	212	5	3	0	6	55	39	5	47	63	.222
Eisen, Thelma, Fort Wayne	121	464	67	102	233	5	4	1	16	88	29	15	30	25	.220
Lovell, Jean, Rockford	52	151	6	33	55	1	0	0	4	3	4	6	8	19	.219
Pirok, Pauline, South Bend	119	413	37	90	231	5	4	0	19	16	32	2	19	51	.218
Petras, Ernestine, Grd. Rpds.-Chicago	108	349	59	76	189	7	0	0	32	86	53	11	32	32	.218
Jewett, Christine, Kenosha	117	430	46	93	186	7	4	3	3	51	27	9	35	50	.216
Reynolds, Mary, Peoria	119	390	42	83	205	7	4	0	8	11	67	7	43	60	.213
Lenard, Jo, Muskegon	120	421	70	89	306	10	6	0	15	64	50	2	56	57	.211
Romatwoski, Jenny, Racine-Chicago	89	242	15	51	124	4	0	0	14	8	28	9	27	29	.211
Mayer, Alice, South Bend	37	90	6	19	68	0	2	0	0	9	7	2	13	15	.211
Shollenberger, Fern, Kenosha	127	466	47	98	190	5	4	0	29	24	33	2	17	44	.210
Deegan, Mildred, Kenosha-Springfield	49	124	6	26	60	6	1	0	1	0	9	6	11	9	.210
Tucker, Betty, Chicago	48	86	15	18	41	1	0	0	5	11	10	2	5	19	.209
Lessing, Ruth, Grand Rapids	125	417	43	86	253	7	2	0	14	22	56	1	36	33	.206
Francisco, Philomena, Racine	114	398	34	81	191	11	2	4	10	45	47	9	35	36	.204
Dapkus, Eleanor, Racine	116	411	39	83	203	5	6	4	7	18	43	0	46	57	.202
Briggs, Rita, Rockford-Chicago	128	425	39	85	237	6	7	0	25	43	47	5	37	38	.200
Stefani, Marge, Rockford	103	317	30	62	155	6	4	0	17	8	52	6	25	18	.196
Jochum, Betsy, South Bend	107	339	25	66	192	2	4	1	12	23	16	3	33	24	.195
Barbaze, Barbara, Springfield	80	223	19	43	102	2	0	0	4	23	24	3	16	29	.193
Smith, Helen, Grand Rapids	22	52	8	10	24	2	0	0	3	2	6	0	2	6	.192
Fabac, Betty, Kenosha	123	445	68	85	160	5	3	0	14	43	68	6	15	58	.191
Stoll, Jane, Springfield	116	413	61	79	160	8	3	0	6	55	59	4	18	33	.191
Tetzlaff, Doris, Chicago-Fort Wayne	121	392	44	75	236	5	7	0	13	30	82	6	27	74	.191
Callaghan, Helen, Fort Wayne	54	178	21	34	114	3	4	0	9	36	23	3	13	27	.191
Krick, Jayne, Springfield-So. Bend	52	131	13	25	75	2	0	0	4	1	15	6	9	26	.191
Villa, Margaret, Kenosha	119	405	54	77	207	6	8	1	11	36	71	6	31	40	.190
Pieper, Marjorie, Kenosha-Chicago	107	369	42	70	173	7	1	0	10	57	53	2	37	35	.190
Hutchison, Anna May, Racine	14	21	0	4	9	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	.190
DeCambra, Alice, Peoria	121	392	46	74	195	8	1	0	28	34	49	5	30	26	.189
Pollitt, Alice, Rockford	116	376	33	71	188	4	4	0	14	12	22	12	31	45	.189
Callaghan, Margaret, Fort Wayne	112	391	44	73	220	2	3	0	30	42	49	20	27	72	.187
Hill, Joyce, Peoria-Racine	89	252	29	47	115	6	5	0	9	18	43	5	28	37	.187
Paire, Lavonne, Grand Rapids	114	377	24	70	211	8	4	0	20	2	34	4	27	36	.186
DelMonico, Lee, Fort Wayne	63	226	33	42	124	2	5	0	8	16	23	6	20	34	.186
Alspaugh, Melba, Fort Wayne-Rockford	51	135	17	25	52	1	0	0	6	18	10	3	9	26	.185
Whiting, Betty, Chicago-South Bend	120	338	33	62	217	6	5	1	17	17	67	23	20	55	.183

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Individual Batting—(cont.)

Player and Club	G	AB	R	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
Lonetto, Sarah, Muskegon	53	109	21	20	60	2	1	1	7	4	18	1	4	14	.183
Emerson, June, Springfield	47	110	8	20	50	1	0	0	3	6	16	4	5	10	.182
Trezza, Betty, Racine	126	469	67	85	192	4	4	1	26	64	44	5	27	55	.181
Meacham, Mildred, Springfield	95	289	26	52	112	4	3	0	5	24	32	9	10	37	.180
Filarski, Helen, South Bend	101	324	29	58	179	1	1	0	14	18	48	2	29	29	.179
Carey, Mary, Peoria	122	428	49	76	211	6	3	0	34	37	50	0	29	53	.178
Hasham, Josephine, Muskegon-Peoria	34	73	2	13	38	0	0	0	4	0	4	2	7	6	.178
Warren, Nancy, Muskegon-Chicago	32	62	5	11	23	1	0	0	6	1	3	0	3	4	.177
Mueller, Dorothy, Peoria	35	102	7	18	53	1	2	0	4	1	10	1	8	15	.176
Stephens, Ruby, Springfield-Kenosha	37	80	6	14	23	0	0	0	2	4	8	1	2	10	.175
Naum, Dorothy, Kenosha	104	311	23	54	109	2	0	0	18	31	39	5	9	16	.174
Vonderau, Kathryn, Chicago-Peoria	82	265	18	46	116	3	4	0	7	2	21	0	11	31	.174
Applegren, Irene, Muskegon	49	133	13	23	53	1	0	0	3	8	15	4	8	14	.173
Ziegler, Alma, Grand Rapids	126	454	61	77	252	8	0	1	31	38	61	12	33	41	.170
Schroeder, Dorothy, Fort Wayne	125	418	41	71	246	5	3	0	23	30	57	11	43	69	.170
Richards, Ruth, Rockford	110	363	30	61	170	9	5	1	11	11	25	6	35	24	.168
Wenzell, Marge, Springfield	104	346	30	58	162	3	4	1	15	33	55	3	19	39	.168
Smith, Jean, Kenosha-Fort Wayne	104	310	36	52	154	5	5	1	16	15	55	3	22	58	.168
Cione, Jean, Kenosha	60	173	14	29	85	3	4	1	8	5	20	2	14	55	.168
Olinger, Marilyn, Chicago-Grd. Rapids	121	408	34	68	203	6	2	2	22	22	38	13	28	51	.167
Danhauser, Margaret, Racine	125	390	24	65	162	10	6	0	20	9	32	6	38	48	.167
Kruckel, Marie, So. Bend-Muskegon	22	48	4	8	26	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	5	7	.167
Werfel, Betty, Rockford	70	193	16	32	65	3	0	1	6	10	21	4	15	37	.166
Barnett, Charlene, Chicago	126	448	48	74	170	7	5	1	14	29	67	3	19	59	.165
Hickson, Irene, Racine	97	287	37	47	100	3	5	0	7	23	51	8	16	48	.164
Rountree, Mary, Fort Wayne	84	251	19	41	121	3	0	0	15	20	40	4	18	20	.163
Fisher, Lorraine, Grand Rapids	54	143	18	23	68	1	0	0	11	4	14	0	7	11	.161
Kline, Maxine, Fort Wayne	25	56	3	9	28	1	1	0	1	0	7	2	4	3	.161
English, Madeline, Racine	121	400	41	64	152	4	6	0	15	60	49	6	24	72	.160
Koehn, Phyllis, So. Bend-Peoria-Racine	79	256	22	41	97	6	2	0	1	9	14	1	21	39	.160
Haefner, Ruby, Fort Wayne	59	156	9	25	68	1	0	0	8	3	15	4	8	33	.160
Metrolis, Norma, South Bend	12	25	2	4	17	0	0	0	3	2	3	0	2	1	.160
Stovroff, Shirley, Springfield-So. Bend	100	279	13	44	156	0	0	0	14	8	45	3	20	45	.158
Shively, Twila, Chicago-Peoria	75	263	37	41	114	3	3	0	11	36	55	3	14	58	.156
Johnson, Arlene, Ft. Wayne-Muskegon	115	373	34	58	237	4	6	1	27	51	43	2	33	77	.155
Chapman, Dorothy, Muskegon	124	373	40	58	199	3	0	1	22	47	58	5	30	58	.155
Roth, Elaine, Peoria	39	104	11	16	26	0	0	0	7	3	6	0	3	22	.154
George, Gene, Muskegon	15	13	1	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	.154
Ferguson, Dorothy, Rockford	123	419	73	64	149	6	0	0	16	73	76	14	16	62	.153
Neal, Doris, Springfield	122	406	27	62	152	5	6	0	8	23	47	4	28	62	.153
Whalen, Dorothy, Springfield	49	111	9	17	32	2	0	0	3	11	14	4	5	13	.153
Gutz, Julia, Springfield	83	223	11	34	59	0	3	0	1	4	14	4	8	35	.152
Pearson, Dollie, Muskegon	82	233	15	35	112	3	2	0	7	10	23	3	12	54	.150
Lee, Annabelle, Fort Wayne	30	69	3	10	28	0	0	0	3	1	9	1	1	6	.145
Hohlmeyer, Alice, Kenosha	81	243	10	35	86	4	1	1	4	2	28	2	17	30	.144
Arnold, Louise, South Bend	20	21	1	3	16	0	1	0	2	0	5	0	0	2	.143
Brumfield, Delores, Kenosha	86	261	18	37	82	3	0	0	14	18	28	0	17	60	.142
Albright, Eileen, Chicago	65	142	9	20	61	3	0	0	14	9	19	3	4	24	.141
Marshall, Theda, So. Bend-Chicago	125	392	26	55	145	6	4	0	12	7	35	5	17	60	.140
Mahoney, Marie, So. Bend-Ft. Wayne	56	107	17	15	47	0	0	0	10	14	10	0	1	18	.140
Haylett, Alice, Grand Rapids	33	93	7	13	41	0	0	0	5	0	12	1	3	7	.140
Bureker, Geraldine, Racine	28	53	5	8	10	0	0	0	6	2	9	0	2	9	.140
Reid, Dorice, Chicago	50	115	3	16	44	1	1	0	11	6	12	1	4	36	.139
Haine, Audrey, Peoria	33	79	8	11	24	1	0	0	7	1	5	0	5	11	.139
Kelly, Jacqueline, Chicago	54	145	7	20	39	1	2	0	3	5	11	1	6	27	.138
Williams, Ruth, South Bend	23	55	1	7	30	0	0	0	6	1	4	0	4	9	.127
Bergman, Erma, Springfield	34	87	6	11	25	1	0	0	0	1	9	2	6	17	.126
Junor, Daisy, So. Bend-Springfield	98	248	23	31	95	2	1	0	10	19	26	3	15	49	.125
Fox, Helen, Rockford	32	88	7	11	25	0	1	0	6	1	2	0	1	15	.125
Georges, Beulah, Chicago-Ft. Wayne	10	16	2	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	6	.125
Cook, Donna, Muskegon-Ft. Wayne	41	81	8	10	39	0	0	0	6	6	14	0	6	13	.123
Foss, Anita, Muskegon-Grd. Rapids	25	49	5	6	37	1	0	0	3	5	14	1	5	11	.122
Healy, Dorothy, Chicago	12	41	2	5	19	1	0	0	1	0	4	1	7	2	.122
Winter, Joanne, Racine	39	100	8	12	35	1	0	1	4	3	23	1	6	23	.120
Walulik, Helen, Muskegon-Ft. Wayne	18	25	1	3	12	0	0	1	3	1	2	2	4	4	.120
Earp, Mildred, Grand Rapids	35	94	7	11	62	3	1	0	5	0	11	2	9	13	.117
Petryna, Betty, Grand Rapids	25	61	6	7	19	0	0	0	3	2	7	2	2	8	.115
Blumetta, Catherine, Fort Wayne	30	80	7	9	27	0	0	0	4	2	5	0	4	19	.113
Rotvig, Barbara, Kenosha	30	72	5	8	15	0	0	0	3	0	8	1	2	16	.111
Vincent, Georgette, Racina	21	36	8	4	11	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	3	6	.111
Goldsmith, Bethany, Kenosha	31	82	7	9	23	2	0	0	3	3	11	1	3	13	.110
Holgerson, Marge, Rockford	38	93	4	10	34	0	2	0	10	1	5	1	9	13	.108
Marlowe, Jean, Springfield	32	83	4	9	25	1	1	0	1	2	10	0	2	24	.108
O'Hara, Janice, Kenosha	25	47	2	5	12	0	0	0	1	2	5	0	2	6	.106
Collins, Dorothy, Fort Wayne	24	48	3	5	34	0	0	0	8	0	11	2	3	26	.104
Redman, Magdalen, Kenosha	49	121	6	12	17	1	0	0	6	3	9	1	4	26	.099
Donahue, Terry, Peoria	71	174	17	17	51	1	1	0	15	7	32	11	18	31	.098
Ruiz, Gloria, Peoria	52	126	8	12	61	0	0	0	4	10	19	7	8	26	.095
Florreich, Lois, Rockford	41	106	5	10	15	2	0	0	0	1	13	0	1	24	.094
Wegman, Marie, Fort Wayne	36	86	3	8	39	0	1	0	5	2	13	0	6	19	.093
Kotowicz, Irene, Racine	39	106	4	9	26	0	1	0	3	0	6	0	7	14	.085
Gallegos, Luisa, Peoria-So. Bend	29	36	3	3	7	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	11	.083
Perez, Migdalia, Chicago	35	82	6	6	25	0	0	0	8	2	8	1	2	11	.073
Bittner, Jayne, Muskegon	21	58	3	4	14	1	0	0	1	1	3	3	0	14	.069
Steck, Elma, Peoria	11	17	1	1	3	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	7	.059
Risinger, Earlene, Springfield	22	36	1	2	9	0	0	0	2	0	6	1	0	10	.056
Jones, Marilyn, Kenosha	25	50	4	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	2	11	.040

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PLAYERS IN LESS THAN TEN GAMES

Player and Club	G	AB	H	Pct.
Bell, Virginia, Springfield	1	4	2	.500
Erickson, Louise, Racine	3	3	1	.333
Liebrich, Barbara, Rockford	3	4	1	.250
Moore, Mary, Rockford	8	18	4	.222
Little, Alta, Fort Wayne	9	37	5	.135
Cindric, Ann, Muskegon	3	10	1	.100
Schacter, Blanche, Kenosha	9	25	1	.040
Hoover, Alice, Fort Wayne	6	4	0	.000
Tezak, Virginia, Racine	4	7	0	.000
Kimball, Mary, Racine	2	5	0	.000
Klosowski, Theresa, Muskegon	2	3	0	.000
Metesch, Bernice, Rockford	2	3	0	.000
Barney, Edith, Grand Rapids	4	4	0	.000
Lionikis, Irene, Grand Rapids	2	4	0	.000
DeShone, Nancy, South Bend	1	2	0	.000
Jameson, Janet, South Bend	1	1	0	.000
Blair, Maybelle, Peoria	1	1	0	.000
Zonia, Vialat, Springfield	1	1	0	.000
Miller, Polly, Kenosha	1	0	0	.000
Tetro, Barbara, Grand Rapids	1	0	0	.000
Christ, Dorothy, South Bend	1	0	0	.000

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Forty-five or More Innings

Pitcher and Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	ERA
Haylett, Alice, Grand Rapids	32	25	5	.833	269	934	169	36	23	32	67	114	9	3	0.77
Mueller, Dorothy, Peoria	32	21	9	.700	267	916	140	61	33	24	79	181	10	2	1.11
Winter, Joanne, Racine	38	25	12	.676	329	1128	49	67	43	31	86	248	10	3	1.18
Florreich, Lois, Rockford	36	22	10	.688	282	968	157	60	37	28	87	231	9	7	1.18
Ziegler, Alma, Grand Rapids	18	9	6	.600	119	418	76	21	16	12	24	49	2	0	1.21
Earp, Mildred, Grand Rapids	34	15	14	.517	282	1004	180	70	41	49	60	166	4	1	1.31
Faut, Jean, South Bend	34	16	11	.593	250	875	156	68	40	23	113	165	8	5	1.44
Warren, Nancy, Muskegon-Chicago	23	12	5	.706	161	562	103	47	26	18	52	86	3	1	1.45
Fischer, Alva Jo, Muskegon	21	9	7	.563	129	442	78	39	21	21	37	55	5	3	1.47
Jochum, Betsy, South Bend	29	14	13	.519	215	757	154	61	36	33	58	103	13	3	1.51
Sams, Doris, Muskegon	32	18	10	.643	268	916	159	64	46	35	97	117	19	5	1.54
Dapkus, Eleanor, Racine	39	24	9	.727	297	1044	172	75	51	32	104	191	14	8	1.55
Goldsmith, Bethany, Kenosha	31	14	14	.500	245	819	135	71	44	42	99	117	21	7	1.62
Kruckel, Marie, South Bend-Muskegon	19	9	4	.692	120	430	83	45	22	14	41	19	4	3	1.65
Applegren, Irene, Muskegon	29	15	12	.556	210	706	110	64	41	33	117	129	17	6	1.76
Cione, Jean, Kenosha	31	12	13	.480	229	793	142	83	47	36	80	75	21	4	1.85
Stephens, Ruby, Springfield-Kenosha	36	20	11	.645	241	870	159	79	50	19	68	114	8	5	1.87
Holgerson, Marge, Rockford	37	16	15	.516	277	930	143	71	59	33	108	194	6	3	1.92
Luna, Betty, Chicago	25	12	9	.571	171	574	97	55	37	19	117	98	9	1	1.95
Faralla, Lillian, South Bend	34	10	20	.333	267	934	170	86	59	31	88	75	14	4	1.99
Collins, Dorothy, Fort Wayne	24	13	8	.619	175	618	121	60	39	19	62	101	12	4	2.01
Deegan, Mildred, Kenosha-Springfield	29	12	15	.444	237	830	152	91	56	28	89	115	22	9	2.13
Hasham, Jo., Muskegon-Peoria	10	0	6	.000	63	236	46	22	15	14	26	22	0	2	2.14
Blumetta, Catherine, Fort Wayne	30	14	13	.519	238	800	157	81	57	42	117	100	18	3	2.16
Gacioch, Rose, Rockford	21	14	5	.737	175	628	121	59	43	21	52	64	2	1	2.21
Lee, Annabelle, Fort Wayne	27	10	14	.417	208	729	155	78	52	40	87	74	6	6	2.25
Williams, Ruth, South Bend	23	10	10	.500	160	590	126	53	40	19	66	55	8	4	2.25
Reynolds, Mary, Peoria	18	9	6	.600	135	471	97	50	34	29	45	44	3	1	2.27
Hohlmayer, Alice, Kenosha	13	4	4	.500	80	292	70	34	21	12	21	23	4	1	2.36
Roth, Elaine, Peoria	39	18	15	.545	291	1048	225	113	77	44	60	81	5	1	2.38
Wisniewski, Connie, Grand Rapids	8	3	4	.429	62	234	60	31	17	12	29	12	0	0	2.47
Perez, Migdalia, Chicago	32	10	17	.370	240	908	220	111	68	25	62	22	8	2	2.55
Bittner, Jayne, Muskegon	21	9	9	.500	152	556	148	69	43	28	81	29	5	1	2.55
Kline, Maxine, Fort Wayne	24	8	13	.381	164	592	127	70	47	27	41	45	4	1	2.58
Fox, Helen, Rockford	32	17	13	.567	252	923	204	107	73	35	81	52	12	1	2.61
Tucker, Betty, Chicago	33	11	17	.393	238	844	162	106	71	44	112	90	19	1	2.68
Barr, Doris, Springfield	30	7	19	.269	208	753	150	104	62	22	113	116	8	7	2.68
Kotowicz, Irene, Chicago	37	18	17	.514	295	1037	193	109	89	38	167	197	20	13	2.71
Lonetto, Sarah, Muskegon	17	3	9	.250	97	371	88	48	30	13	57	12	1	1	2.78
Fisher, Lorraine, Grand Rapids	32	16	11	.593	230	819	177	97	72	38	138	61	15	1	2.82
Rotvig, Barbara, Kenosha	30	11	16	.407	209	753	159	99	66	25	96	99	21	6	2.84
Haine, Audrey, Peoria	33	17	14	.548	228	817	179	116	74	34	100	82	31	20	2.92
Koehn, Phyllis, South Bend-Peoria-Racine	21	6	8	.429	128	466	97	67	43	10	87	60	35	10	3.02
Bergman, Erma, Springfield	32	9	19	.321	236	863	190	127	80	37	85	77	16	3	3.05
Walulik, Helen, Muskegon-Fort Wayne	17	2	6	.250	91	317	71	42	31	21	44	29	8	1	3.07
O'Hara, Janice, Kenosha	20	4	6	.400	104	374	80	51	37	15	62	38	2	1	3.20
Risinger, Earline, Springfield	22	3	8	.273	129	457	91	68	48	22	62	69	3	3	3.35
Marlowe, Jean, Springfield	31	7	22	.241	236	903	212	41	95	31	60	42	8	2	3.66
Vincent, Georgette, Racine	15	5	2	.714	59	202	41	34	24	11	59	28	1	3	3.66
Hutchison, Anna May, Racine	14	3	6	.333	76	296	79	41	31	11	37	16	0	0	3.67
Keagle Merle, Grand Rapids	10	4	3	.571	51	168	32	33	21	12	51	8	16	5	3.71
Marrero, Mirtha, Chicago	29	4	21	.160	211	749	178	122	88	37	113	49	16	8	3.75
Janssen, Frances, Grand Rapids	11	4	4	.500	61	237	63	35	27	5	24	7	1	3	3.98
Lovell, Jean, Rockford	9	3	4	.429	54	208	54	39	24	8	29	9	4	2	4.00
Moore, Mary, Rockford	8	2	3	.400	45	156	31	23	20	2	40	5	4	2	4.00
Cook, Donna, Chicago-Muskegon-Fort Wayne	20	4	9	.308	116	406	84	64	52	16	107	67	10	6	4.03
Arnold, Louise, South Bend	20	4	4	.500	82	308	64	48	37	13	32	17	3	2	4.06
Krick, Jayne, South Bend	13	2	6	.250	59	219	47	44	27	8	60	22	7	6	4.12
Peppas, June, Fort Wayne	16	4	12	.250	113	415	107	70	58	14	91	39	8	4	4.62
Georges, Beulah, Chicago-Fort Wayne	10	0	4	.000	48	176	57	38	30	14	28	5	2	3	5.63
Gallegos, Luisa, Peoria-South Bend	16	2	6	.250	73	256	46	55	47	14	76	37	12	13	5.79

Less Than Forty-five Innings

Pitcher and Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HB	WP	BK
Werfel, Betty, Rockford	6	1	0	1.000	17	7	6	2	11	5	1	0	0
Erickson, Louise, Racine	3	1	0	1.000	11	11	7	7	4	3	1	1	0
Voyce, Inez, Grand Rapids	4	1	1	.500	21	20	8	8	5	0	0	0	0
Albright, Eileen, Chicago	4	0	4	.000	22	17	11	6	19	10	0	0	0

ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE PITCHING RECORDS—1948 (cont.)

Less Than Forty-Five Innings (cont.)

Pitcher and Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HB	WP	BK
Schroeder, Dorothy, Fort Wayne	2	0	2	.000	17	14	11	6	6	7	3	0	0
Pieper, Marjorie, Chicago	4	0	1	.000	15	7	12	4	10	10	3	1	3
Haefner, Ruby, Fort Wayne	2	0	1	.000	2	6	6	3	0	0	0	0	0
Schofield, June, Springfield	1	0	1	.000	1	1	4	4	8	1	0	0	0
Wegman, Marie, Fort Wayne	3	0	0	.000	11	13	11	8	9	5	1	1	0
Bell, Virginia, Springfield	1	0	0	.000	8	6	10	7	8	4	2	0	0
Eisen, Thelma, Fort Wayne	1	0	0	.000	7	5	4	4	6	1	1	0	0

ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE FIELDING RECORDS—1948

CLUB FIELDING

Team	G	DP	TP	PB	PO	A	E	Pct
Kenosha	127	52	1	23	3344	1683	244	.954
Racine	126	40	0	23	3311	1412	227	.954
South Bend	127	48	0	25	3287	1675	250	.952
Grand Rapids	126	89	0	5	3328	1619	259	.950
Rockford	126	61	0	16	3333	1472	254	.950
Muskegon	125	63	0	18	3221	1477	252	.949
Peoria	126	66	0	10	3279	1426	261	.947
Fort Wayne	126	91	1	13	3268	1439	284	.943
Chicago	126	88	0	19	3232	1483	293	.941
Springfield	125	51	0	36	3163	1473	352	.929

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING

(Ten or More Games)

FIRST BASEMEN

Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Applegren, Muskegon	16	193	8	1	3	.995
Voyce, Grand Rapids	125	1400	42	16	60	.989
Brumfield, Kenosha	37	413	6	5	7	.988
Reeser, Muskegon	110	1073	27	16	45	.986
Hohlmayer, Kenosha	69	778	10	11	12	.986
Jochum, South Bend	10	66	3	1	3	.986
Danhauser, Racine	125	1274	39	20	27	.985
Kamenshek, Rockford	124	1316	28	23	42	.983
Cione, Kenosha	30	346	5	6	7	.983
Whiting, Chicago-South Bend	97	1097	49	21	31	.982
Wisham, Peoria	126	1317	37	25	39	.981
Schofield, Springfield	37	348	10	8	5	.978
Meacham, Springfield	95	984	32	26	20	.975
Kellogg, Fort Wayne	126	1257	49	35	60	.974
Marshall, So. Bend-Chicago	125	1303	24	38	50	.972
Baker, South Bend	21	188	5	9	6	.955

Triple plays—Kellogg, Hohlmayer.

SECOND BASEMEN

Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Pollitt, Rockford	14	29	25	2	1	.964
Fabac, Kenosha	123	242	252	19	17	.963
DeCambra, Peoria	121	272	221	19	25	.963
Baker, South Bend	49	92	85	8	8	.957
Wegman, Fort Wayne	14	26	18	2	3	.957
Kurys, Racine	124	284	232	27	20	.950
Stolze, Muskegon	106	301	186	26	25	.949
M. Callaghan, Fort Wayne	112	241	174	24	36	.945
Barnett, Chicago	106	225	193	25	39	.944
Ziegler, Grand Rapids	114	287	240	34	46	.939
Wirth, South Bend	11	22	24	3	2	.939
Filarski, South Bend	49	87	77	11	4	.937
Stefani, Rockford	102	217	225	30	20	.936
Pearson, Muskegon	15	40	17	4	3	.934
Wawryshyn, Springfield	118	275	239	41	23	.926
Werfel, Rockford	16	27	19	4	4	.920
Mahon, South Bend	14	35	29	6	3	.914
Foss, Muskegon-Grd. Rapids	16	35	26	7	2	.897
Albright, Chicago	13	23	19	6	1	.875

Triple plays—Fabac, M. Callaghan.

THIRD BASEMEN

Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Shollenberger, Kenosha	105	173	340	29	23	.946
Pirok, South Bend	99	158	290	31	16	.935

THIRD BASEMEN—(Cont.)

Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
English, Racine	121	207	342	40	19	.932
Johnson, Ft. Wayne-Muskegon	105	158	302	34	21	.931
Reynolds, Peoria	13	14	25	3	3	.929
Carey, Peoria	118	203	297	42	18	.923
Paire, Grand Rapids	113	166	355	44	21	.922
Albright, Chicago	42	67	95	14	7	.920
Pollitt, Rockford	102	166	225	37	16	.914
Tetzlaff, Chicago-Ft. Wayne	121	203	288	47	22	.913
Neal, Springfield	109	145	243	43	14	.900
Petryna, Grand Rapids	17	27	26	6	1	.898
Piaper, Kenosha-Chicago	74	108	174	35	6	.890
Filarski, South Bend	23	27	80	17	3	.863
Schofield, Springfield	21	25	46	12	1	.855
Pearson, Muskegon	41	46	101	26	4	.850
Werfel, Rockford	25	24	37	12	4	.836
Brumfield, Kenosha	17	27	40	7	1	.805

SHORTSTOPS

Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Wirth, South Bend	102	202	328	20	19	.964
Petras, Grd. Rapids-Chicago	108	293	71	36	42	.949
Johnson, Ft. Wayne-Muskegon	14	16	37	3	2	.946
Harrell, Rockford	113	236	328	40	24	.931
Fischer, Muskegon	89	165	232	36	11	.917
Villa, Kenosha	103	213	296	50	17	.911
Baker, South Bend	13	23	18	4	0	.911
Schroeder, Fort Wayne	124	275	317	59	35	.909
Barnett, Chicago	21	44	73	12	3	.907
Shollenberger, Kenosha	25	31	64	10	1	.905
Trezza, Racine	126	199	332	58	12	.902
R. Meyer, Peoria	121	214	315	62	21	.895
Werfel, Rockford	13	25	34	7	2	.894
Stolze, Muskegon	18	26	22	6	1	.889
Pirok, South Bend	12	16	22	5	2	.884
Schofield, Springfield	76	123	186	47	11	.868
Olinger, Chicago-Grd. Rapids	121	217	345	86	31	.867
Wenzell, Springfield	55	89	134	40	7	.848

Triple plays—Schroeder, Villa.

OUTFIELDERS

Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Wagoner, Muskegon-So. Bend	82	79	3	0	0	1.000
Cook, Chgo.-Musk.-Ft. Wayne	18	20	7	0	0	1.000
Filarski, South Bend	32	14	4	0	0	1.000

ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE—Cont.

OUTFIELDERS—Cont.

Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct.
Pearson, Muskegon	24	15	1	0	0	1.000
H. Smith, Grand Rapids	18	13	3	0	0	1.000
Bureker, Racine	22	8	1	0	1	1.000
Richards, Rockford	12	9	0	0	0	1.000
Dapkus, Racine	81	76	8	1	0	.988
Mahon, South Bend	102	155	10	3	0	.982
Shively, Chicago-Peoria	75	158	9	3	1	.982
Satterfield, Grand Rapids	125	234	21	6	5	.977
Brumfield, Kenosha	33	40	1	1	0	.976
Gacioch, Rockford	100	105	25	4	2	.970
Wagner, Kenosha	117	193	17	7	2	.968
Kelly, Chicago	32	25	5	1	1	.968
Dancer, Peoria	120	216	18	8	4	.967
Pryer, Muskegon	112	184	13	7	2	.966
Jochum, South Bend	72	77	9	3	1	.966
Stoll, Springfield	116	191	25	8	5	.964
Mahoney, So. Bend-Ft. Wayne	45	49	3	2	1	.963
Eisen, Fort Wayne	119	227	25	10	7	.962
Keagle, Grand Rapids	105	156	18	7	5	.961
Francisco, Racine	113	89	8	4	1	.960
Ferguson, Rockford	123	185	19	9	3	.958
Junor, So. Bend-Springfield	89	125	11	6	2	.958
Koehn, So. Bend-Peoria-Racine	52	46	0	2	0	.958
Perlick, Racine	111	185	9	9	0	.956
Lonetto, Muskegon	23	18	3	1	0	.955
Sams, Muskegon	85	97	13	6	2	.948
Alspaugh, Rkfd.-Ft. Wayne	46	44	9	3	2	.946
Naum, Kenosha	15	14	3	1	1	.944
Reynolds, Peoria	95	74	5	5	2	.940
Rutz, Peoria	52	60	3	4	2	.940
Callow, Chicago-Rockford	107	144	10	10	3	.939
Fisher, Grand Rapids	19	29	2	2	0	.939
Gutz, Springfield	13	12	3	1	0	.938
Briggs, Rockford-Chicago	107	168	16	13	5	.934
H. Callaghan, Fort Wayne	51	93	4	7	1	.933
Meier, Peoria-Chicago	127	228	5	17	2	.932
Lenard, Muskegon	120	188	7	16	2	.924
J. Smith, Kenosha-Ft. Wayne	104	135	8	12	1	.923
Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	118	95	18	10	6	.919
Donahue, Peoria	21	21	1	2	0	.917
Krick, South Bend	31	9	2	1	0	.917
Wenzell, Springfield	48	52	2	5	2	.915
DelMonico, Fort Wayne	63	87	6	9	2	.912
Luna, Chicago	57	56	5	6	2	.910

OUTFIELDERS—Cont.

Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PB	Pct.
Emerson, Springfield	37	27	3	3	0		.909
Jewett, Kenosha	117	102	17	12	3		.908
Barbaze, Springfield	76	104	5	11	1		.908
Reid, Chicago	48	51	8	7	1		.894
Briggs, Fort Wayne	62	51	3	7	0		.885
Hasham, Muskegon-Peoria	14	15	0	2	0		.882
Stovroff, Springfield-So. Bend	21	26	2	4	0		.875
Meyer, South Bend	32	13	0	2	0		.867
Hill, Peoria-Racine	20	10	2	2	0		.857
Pieper, Kenosha-Chicago	23	20	2	4	0		.846
Healy, Chicago	12	16	0	3	0		.842
Barr, Springfield	27	16	2	4	1		.818
Faralla, South Bend	18	10	0	3	0		.769
Neal, Springfield	16	10	3	4	0		.765
Roth, I., Peoria	10	5	1	2	0		.750

CATCHERS

Player and Clubo	G	PO	A	E	DP	PB	Pct.
George, Muskegon	14	19	2	0	0	3	1.000
Hill, Peoria-Racine	63	285	34	6	2	6	.982
Romatowski, Racine-Chgo.	83	313	99	9	11	6	.979
Heafner, Fort Wayne	49	195	49	6	3	3	.976
Lessing, Grand Rapids	125	556	115	17	12	5	.975
Whiting, Chgo.-So. Bend	29	113	19	4	2	8	.971
Naum, Kenosha	89	379	101	15	11	6	.970
Donahue, Peoria	44	178	28	11	7	2	.967
Hickson, Racine	97	632	80	25	4	14	.966
Briggs, Rockford-Chicago	22	84	31	4	5	1	.966
Redman, Kenosha	30	94	20	4	2	4	.966
Richards, Rockford	94	509	113	23	3	7	.964
Chapman, Muskegon	124	549	139	34	11	12	.953
Baker, South Bend	49	224	49	14	2	0	.951
Rountree, Fort Wayne	79	387	99	26	14	6	.949
Gutz, Springfield	70	259	68	20	5	17	.942
Stovroff, Spgfld.-S. Bend	77	320	88	26	5	13	.940
Metrolis, South Bend	12	37	6	3	1	2	.935
Vonderau, Chicago-Peoria	79	343	62	30	8	10	.931
Lovell, Rockford	36	154	29	12	1	3	.931
Kelly, Chicago	15	52	8	6	2	5	.909
Whalen, Springfield	49	187	28	24	1	18	.900

ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE ALL-TIME RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL BATTING RECORDS

Highest Percentage

.332—Gladys Davis, Rockford—1943.

BY YEARS

1943—Gladys Davis, Rockford	.332
1944—Betsy Jochum, South Bend	.296
1945—H. Callaghan, Fort Wayne	.299
1946—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford	.316
1947—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford	.306
1948—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha	.312

Most Times at Bat

472—Vivian Kellogg, Fort Wayne—1948.

BY YEARS

1943—Betsy Jochum, South Bend	439
1944—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford	447
1945—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford	419
1946—Edythe Perlick, Racine	431
1947—Edythe Perlick, Racine	436
1948—Vivian Kellogg, Fort Wayne	472

Most Runs Scored

117—Sophie Kurys, Racine—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Shirley Jameson, Kenosha	111
1944—Sophie Kurys, Racine	87
1945—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford	80
1946—Sophie Kurys, Racine	117
1947—Sophie Kurys, Racine	81
1948—Sophie Kurys, Racine	97

Most Runs Batted-In

72—Elizabeth Mahon, South Bend—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Ann Harnett, Kenosha	69
1944—Edythe Perlick, Racine	63
1945—Rose Gacioch, Rockford	44
1946—Elizabeth Mahon, South Bend	72
1947—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha	53
1948—Rita Meyer, Peoria	68

Most Hits

130—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha—1948.

BY YEARS

1943—Betsy Jochum, South Bend	120
1944—Betsy Jochum, South Bend	128
1945—H. Callaghan, Fort Wayne	122
1946—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford	129
1947—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha	119
1948—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha	130

Most Long Hits
(Doubles, Triples, Home Runs)

41—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha—1947.

BY YEARS

1943—Ann Harnett, Kenosha	26
1944—Eleanor Dapkus, Racine	19
1945—H. Callaghan, Fort Wayne	24
1946—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha	29
1947—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha	41
1948—Mary Wisham, Peoria	39

ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE—Cont.

Most Singles

120—Betsy Jochum, South Bend—1944.
Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Betsy Jochum, South Bend	100
1944—Betsy Jochum, South Bend	120
1945—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford	102
1946—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford	120
1947—Charlene Pryer, Muskegon	99
1948—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford	113

Most Doubles

25—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha—1947.

BY YEARS

1943—Betsy Jochum, South Bend	12
1944—Eleanor Dapkus, Racine	10
Pauline Pirok, Kenosha	10
1945—H. Callaghan, Fort Wayne	17
1946—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha	15
Merle Keagle, Grand Rapids	15
1947—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha	25
1948—Mary Wisham, Peoria	24

Most Triples

15—Eleanor Callow, Chicago-Rockford—1948.

BY YEARS

1943—Marge Stefani, South Bend	11
1944—Jo Lenard, Rockford	10
1945—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha	9
1946—Rose Gacioch, Rockford	9
Thelma Eisen, Peoria	9
Eleanor Dapkus, Racine	9
1947—Mary Wisham, Peoria	11
1948—Eleanor Callow, Chicago-Rockford	15

Most Home Runs

10—Eleanor Dapkus, Racine—1943.

BY YEARS

1943—Eleanor Dapkus, Racine	10
1944—Merle Keagle, Milwaukee	7
1945—H. Callaghan, Fort Wayne	3
Faye Dancer, Fort Wayne	3
1946—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha	9
1947—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha	7
1948—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	7

Most Total Advanced Bases

409—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1948.

BY YEARS

1945—H. Callaghan, Fort Wayne	336
1946—Elizabeth Mahon, South Bend	326
1947—Audrey Wagner, Kenosha	295
1948—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	409

Most Stolen Bases

201—Sophie Kurys, Racine—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Shirley Jameson, Kenosha	126
1944—Sophie Kurys, Racine	166
1945—Sophie Kurys, Racine	115
1946—Sophie Kurys, Racine	201
1947—Sophie Kurys, Racine	142
1948—Sophie Kurys, Racine	172

Most Bases on Balls

93—Sophie Kurys, Racine—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Marge Stefani, South Bend	71
1944—Shirley Jameson, Kenosha	78
1945—Doris Tetzlaff, Grand Rapids	82
1946—Sophie Kurys, Racine	93
1947—Alma Ziegler, Grand Rapids	62
1948—Mary Wisham, Peoria	82
Doris Tetzlaff, Chicago-Fort Wayne	82

Most Strike-Outs

79—Theda Marshall, South Bend—1947.
Faye Dancer, Peoria—1948.

BY YEARS

1943—Lois Florreich, South Bend	62
1944—Gertrude Ganote, Kenosha	60
1945—Dorothy Schroeder, Kenosha-South Bend	62
1946—Arlene Johnson, Muskegon	67
1947—Theda Marshall, South Bend	79
1948—Faye Dancer, Peoria	79

Fewest Strike-Outs
(100 Games or More)

3—Josephine D'Angelo, South Bend—1943.

BY YEARS

1943—Josephine D'Angelo, South Bend	3
1944—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford	6
1945—Lavonne Paire, Fort Wayne	6
1946—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford	10
Betsy Jochum, South Bend	10
1947—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford	6
1948—Dorothy Kamenshek, Rockford	14

Most Hits, Season—Each Club

Kenosha—Audrey Wagner, 1948	130
Rockford—Dorothy Kamenshek, 1946	129
South Bend—Betsy Jochum, 1944	128
Peoria—Mary Wisham, 1948	128
Grand Rapids—Connie Wisniewski, 1948	127
Fort Wayne—H. Callaghan, 1945	122
Springfield—Evelyn Wawryshyn, 1948	114
Muskegon—Dottie Stolze, 1948	113
Racine—Sophie Kurys, 1946 and 1948	112
Chicago—Naomi Meier, 1948	100

Champion Batter—Each Club

Rockford—Gladys Davis, 1943	.332
Kenosha—Audrey Wagner, 1948	.312
Fort Wayne—H. Callaghan, 1945	.299
South Bend—Betsy Jochum, 1944	.296
Peoria—Mary Wisham, 1948	.292
Grand Rapids—Connie Wisniewski, 1948	.289
Racine—Sophie Kurys, 1946	.286
Muskegon—Doris Sams, 1947	.280
Springfield—Evelyn Wawryshyn, 1948	.262
Chicago—Naomi Meier, 1948	.222

Most Runs Scored, Season—Each Club

Racine—Sophie Kurys, 1946	117
Kenosha—Shirley Jameson, 1943	111
South Bend—Elizabeth Mahon, 1946	90
Rockford—Dorothy Kamenshek, 1948	89
Peoria—Faye Dancer, 1948	89
Grand Rapids—Twila Shively, 1946	78
Fort Wayne—H. Callaghan, 1945	77
Muskegon—Charlene Pryer, 1948; Jo Lenard, 1948	70
Springfield—Evelyn Wawryshyn, 1948	58
Chicago—Naomi Meier, 1948	54

Most Runs Batted In, Season—Each Club

South Bend—Elizabeth Mahon, 1946	72
Kenosha—Ann Harnett, 1943	69
Peoria—Rita Meyer, 1948	68
Grand Rapids—Connie Wisniewski, 1948	66
Racine—Edythe Perlick, 1944	63
Muskegon—Doris Sams, 1948	59
Rockford—Gladys Davis, 1943; Dorothy Harrell, 1948	58
Springfield—June Schofield, 1948	51
Fort Wayne—Irene Ruhnke, 1946	50
Chicago—Naomi Meyer, 1948	47

ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE—Continued

MISCELLANEOUS INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Most Runs Game—5, Sophie Kurys, Racine, June 13, 1946.

Most Consecutive Games Scoring Runs—11, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha, May 30-June 13, 1943—22 runs.

Most Runs Batted In, Game—9, Marg Villa, Kenosha, June 9, 1946.

Most Bases on Balls, Game—5, Irene Hickson, Racine, June 13, 1946.

Most Strike-outs, Game—4, by many players.

Most Base Hits, Game—6, Dorothy Wind, Racine, Aug. 28, 1942.

Most Consecutive Games Batted Safely—13, Mildred Warwick, Rockford, June 20-27, 1943; Elizabeth Mahon, South Bend, July 27-Aug. 9, 1945.

Most Two-Base Hits, Game—2, by many.

Most Three-Base Hits, Game—3, Lois Florreich, South Bend, July 1, 1945.

Most Home Runs, Game—2, by several.

Most Total Bases, Game—11, Marg Villa, Kenosha, June 9, 1946.

Most Total Advanced Bases, Game—23, Marg Villa, Kenosha, June 9, 1946.

Most Sacrifice Hits, Game—3, Clara Schillace, Racine, July 7, 1943; Dorothy Maguire, Grand Rapids, June 19, 1945; Margaret Danhauser, Racine, August 13, 1945.

Most Stolen Bases, Game—7, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha, July 2, 1944; Lois Florreich, South Bend, July 24, 1944; Betsy Jochum, South Bend, August 2, 1944; Sophie Kurys, Racine, Sept. 3, 1944; Madeline English, Racine, May 21, 1947.

Most Consecutive Games Stealing Bases—18, Shirley Jameson, Kenosha, June 14-26, 1943.

Most Consecutive Games, no strikeouts—57, Marge Stefani, South Bend, June 30-Aug. 22, 1943.

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING RECORDS

Most Innings Pitched in Game

22—Eleanor Dapkus, Racine, and Jean Faut, South Bend, July 31, 1947.

Most Runs off Pitcher in Game

19—Martha Walker, Racine—June 19, 1943, vs. South Bend.

Most Hits off Pitcher in Game

19—Olive Little, Rockford—June 18, 1945, vs. South Bend.

Most Consecutive Games Won

13—Helen Nicol Fox, Kenosha—1943.

Most Consecutive Games Lost

10—Catherine Bennett, Kenosha and South Bend—1943.

Most Consecutive Shutout Games

6—Joanne Winter, Racine—1946, Aug. 17 vs. Muskegon (9 innings); August 19 vs. Peoria (9 innings); August 21 vs. Peoria (17 innings); August 24 vs. Muskegon (9 innings); August 26 vs. Ft. Wayne (9 innings); August 28 vs. So. Bend (9 innings).

Most Bases on Balls in Game

21—Martha Walker, Racine—June 19, 1943, vs. South Bend.

Most Strike-Outs in Game

16—Dorothy Wiltse Collins, Ft. Wayne—June 7, 1946, vs. Peoria.

Most Consecutive Scoreless Innings

63—Joanne Winter, Racine—1946.

Most Complete Games, Season

40—Helen Nicol Fox, Kenosha—1945;
Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Helen Nicol Fox, Kenosha	33
1944—Mary Nesbit Crews, Racine	37
1945—Helen Nicol Fox, Kenosha	40
1946—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	40
1947—A. M. Hutchinson, Racine	36
1948—Joanne Winter, Racine	34

Most Games Pitched, Season

51—A. M. Hutchinson, Racine—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Helen Nicol Fox, Kenosha; Margaret Berger, South Bend; Mary Nesbit, Racine	47
1944—Jo Kabick, Milwaukee; Mary Nesbit Crews, Racine	45
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids; Dorothy Wiltse, Fort Wayne; Helen Nicol Fox, Kenosha; Charlotte Armstrong, South Bend	46
1946—A. M. Hutchinson, Racine	51
1947—Dorothy Mueller, Peoria	48
1948—Eleanor Dapkus, Racine	39

Most Innings Pitched, Season

391—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1945.

BY YEARS

1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha	348
1944—Josephine Kabick, Milwaukee	366
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	391
1946—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	366
1947—A. M. Hutchinson, Racine	360
1948—Joanne Winter, Racine	329

Most Runs off Pitcher, Season

177—Clara Cook—Rockford-Kenosha—1943.

BY YEARS

1943—Clara Cook, Rockford-Kenosha	177
1944—Joanne Winter, Racine	172
1945—Charlotte Armstrong, South Bend	137
1946—Elise Harnay, Kenosha-Fort Wayne	143
1947—Josephine Kabick, Peoria	101
1948—Jean Marlowe, Springfield	141

Most Earned Runs off Pitcher, Season

124—Audrey Haine, Minneapolis—1944.

BY YEARS

1943—Muriel Coben, South Bend-Rockford	102
1944—Audrey Haine, Minneapolis	124
1945—Elise Harnay, Kenosha	87
1946—Alice Haylett, Grand Rapids	98
1947—Joanne Winter, Racine	68
1948—Jean Marlowe, Springfield	96

Lowest Earned Run Average, Season

0.68—Mildred Earp, Grand Rapids—1947.

BY YEARS

1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha	1.81
1944—Helen Nicol, Kenosha	0.93
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	0.81
1946—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	0.96
1947—Mildred Earp, Grand Rapids	0.68
1948—Alice Haylett, Grand Rapids	0.77

Most Hits off Pitcher, Season

283—Josephine Kabick, Grand Rapids-Kenosha—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Elise Harney, Kenosha	282
1944—Josephine Kabick, Milwaukee	270
1945—Charlotte Armstrong, South Bend	289
1946—Josephine Kabick, Grand Rapids-Kenosha	283
1947—A. M. Hutchinson, Racine	230
1948—Elaine Roth, Peoria	225

Highest Percentage Games Won, Season

.833—Alice Haylett, Grand Rapids—1948.

BY YEARS

1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha (W-31, L-8)	.795
1944—Connie Wisniewski, Milwaukee (W-23, L-10)	.697
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids (W-32, L-11)	.744
1946—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids (W-33, L-9)	.786
1947—Mildred Earp, Grand Rapids (W-20, L-8)	.714
1948—Alice Haylett, Grand Rapids (W-25, L-5)	.833

ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE—Continued

Most Games Won, Season

33—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1946;
Joanne Winter, Racine—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha	31
1944—Josephine Kabick, Milwaukee	26
1945—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids	32
1946—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids; Joanne Winter, Racine	33
1947—A. M. Hutchinson, Racine	27
1948—Alice Haylett, Grand Rapids; Joanne Winter, Racine	25

Most Games Lost, Season

23—Joanne Winter, Racine—1944.

BY YEARS

1943—Elise Harney, Kenosha	19
Marjorie Peters, Rockford	19
1944—Joanne Winter, Racine	23
1945—Charlotte Armstrong, South Bend; Joanne Winter, Racine; Elise Harney, Kenosha	22
1946—Annabelle Lee, Peoria	23
1947—Lois Florreich, Rockford	19
1948—Jean Marlowe, Springfield	22

Most Shutout Games, Season

17—Dorothy Wiltse, Fort Wayne—1945.
Joanne Winter, Racine—1946.

BY YEARS

1943—Helen Nicol, Kenosha	8
1944—Carolyn Morris, Rockford	11
1945—Dorothy Wiltse, Fort Wayne	17
1946—Joanne Winter, Racine	17
1947—A. M. Hutchinson, Racine	12
1948—Alice Haylett, Grand Rapids; Eleanor Dapkus, Racine	10

Most Bases on Balls off Pitcher, Season

236—Audrey Haine, Fort Wayne-Grand Rapids—1946.

Most At Bats off Pitcher, Season

1367—Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids—1945.

Most Strikeouts by Pitcher, Season

294—Dorothy Wiltse Collins, Fort Wayne—1946.

Most Hit Batsmen off Pitcher, Season

44—Dorothy Wiltse, Minneapolis—1944.

Most Wild Pitches by Pitcher, Season

38—Doris Barr, Racine—1945.

Most Balks by Pitcher, Season

6—Mary Rini, Kenosha—1945; Nelda Bird, South Bend—1945; Ruby Stephens, South Bend—1947.

Club Records, One Game

Most Runs Scored, One Club—26, Racine vs. Grand Rapids, June 13, 1946.
Most Hits—19, Kenosha vs. Rockford, June 11, 1943; South Bend vs. Rockford, June 18, 1945.
Most Doubles—8, Rockford vs. Racine, June 22, 1945.
Most Triples—4, Racine vs. Rockford, July 8, 1943.
Most Home Runs—3, Racine vs. Rockford, July 8, 1943; Minneapolis vs. Milwaukee, July 2, 1944; Minneapolis vs. Kenosha, July 29, 1944.
Most Stolen Bases—24, Racine vs. Minneapolis, June 7, 1944.
Most Bases on Balls—23, South Bend vs. Racine, June 19, 1943.
Most Strikeouts—16, Peoria vs. Fort Wayne, June 7, 1946.
Most Left on Bases—17, South Bend vs. Minneapolis, July 31, 1944.
Most Errors—Rockford vs. Racine, August 17, 1943.
Most Consecutive Games Won—13, Grand Rapids, 1946; Muskegon, 1948.
Most Consecutive Games Lost—10, Kenosha, June 16-24, 1945.
Most Double Plays—4, South Bend vs. Kenosha, June 22, 1945; Racine vs. Grand Rapids, July 16, 1945.

Club Record—Season

Highest Batting Percentage—.246 Racine—1943.
Most Times at Bat—3960—Rockford—1948.
Most Runs Scored—611—Racine—1943.
Fewest Runs Scored—262—Kenosha—1945.
Most Runs by Opponents—581—Minneapolis—1944.
Fewest Runs by Opponents—247—Muskegon—1947.
Most Hits—865—Racine—1943.
Fewest Hits—553—Kenosha—1946.
Most Doubles—87—Grand Rapids—1948.
Most Triples—59—Kenosha—1943.
Most Home Runs—24—Racine—1943.
Most Runs Batted In—434—Racine—1943.
Fewest Runs Batted In—170—Kenosha—1945.
Most Total Advanced Bases—2447—Grand Rapids—1948.

ALL-TIME RECORDS

Individual Fielding, Season

First Base

Most Games Played—126, Mary Wisham, Peoria; Vivian Kellogg, Fort Wayne—1948.
Highest Percentage—.990, Sara Reeser, Muskegon—1947.
Most Chances Accepted—1458, Inez Voyce, Grand Rapids—1948.
Most Put-outs—1400, Inez Voyce, Grand Rapids—1948.
Most Assists—63, Marnie Danhauser, Racine—1947.
Most Errors—42, Theda Marshall, South Bend—1947.
Most Double Plays—60, Inez Voyce, Grand Rapids—1948.

Second Base

Most Games Played—124, Sophie Kurys, Racine—1948.
Highest Percentage—.973, Sophie Kurys, Racine—1946.
Most Chances Accepted—573, Alma Ziegler, Milwaukee—1944.
Most Putouts—361, Alma Ziegler, Milwaukee—1944.
Most Assists—252, Marge Stefani, South Bend—1943; Betty Fabac, Kenosha—1948.
Most Errors—41, Evelyn Wawryshyn, Springfield—1948.
Most Double Plays—46, Alma Ziegler, Grand Rapids—1948.

Shortstop

Most Games Played—126, Betty Trezza, Racine—1948.
Highest Percentage—.964, Senaida Wirth, South Bend—1948.
Most Chances Accepted—700, Ernestine Petras, Grand Rapids-Chicago—1948.
Most Putouts—293, Ernestine Petras, Grand Rapids-Chicago—1948.
Most Assists—379, Senaida Wirth, South Bend—1946.
Most Errors—86, Marilyn Olinger, Chicago-Grand Rapids—1948.
Most Double Plays—42, Ernestine Petras, Grand Rapids-Chicago—1948.

Third Base

Most Games Played—121, Doris Tetzlaff, Chicago-Fort Wayne 1948; Madeline English, Racine—1948.
Highest Percentage—.946, Fern Shollenberger, Kenosha—1948.
Most Chances Accepted—589, Madeline English, Racine—1948.
Most Putouts—236, Marg Callaghan, Fort Wayne—1946.
Most Assists—368, Doris Tetzlaff, Grand Rapids—1945.
Most Errors—78, Madeline English, Racine—1948.
Most Double Plays—23, Fern Shollenberger, Kenosha—1948.

Catchers

Most Games Played—125, Ruth Lessing, Grand Rapids—1948.
Highest Percentage—.982, Ruth Lessing, Fort Wayne—1945.
Most Chances Accepted—737, Irene Hickson, Racine—1948.
Most Putouts—634, Ruth Lessing, Grand Rapids—1946.
Most Assists—141, Ruth Lessing, Grand Rapids—1946.
Most Errors—47, Dorothy Maguire, Milwaukee—1944.
Most Passed Balls—24, Ruth Lessing, Grand Rapids—1946.
Most Double Plays—16, Ruth Lessing, Grand Rapids—1946.

Outfielders

Most Games Played—127, Naomi Meier, Peoria-Chicago—1948.
Highest Percentage—.995, Charlene Pryer, Muskegon—1947.
Most Chances Accepted—269, Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne—1946.
Most Putouts—249, Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne—1946.
Most Assists—31, Rose Gacioch, Rockford—1945-47; Doris Sams, Muskegon—1947.
Most Errors—23, Helen Callaghan, Fort Wayne—1946.
Most Double Plays—7, Josephine D'Angelo, South Bend—1943; Betty Trezza, Racine—1947; Thelma Eisen, Fort Wayne—1948.

LIFETIME BATTING RECORDS

(Five and Six Year Players)

Name of Player	G	AB	R	H	TAB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	Pct.
Kamenshek, Dorothy	655	2483*	417	706*	1192	50	24	13	46	445	260	16	177	50*	.284
Wagner, Audrey	597	2116	261	546	1239	69*	51*	26	23	183	209	22	241	170	.258
Wisniewski, Connie	334	1013	133	260	774	37	11	7	19	87	137	13	132	75	.257
Kurys, Sophie	676*	2302	515*	606	1149	46	29	13	57	840*	389*	48	208	163	.253
Mahon, Elizabeth	499	1721	246	425	1119	34	25	6	29	215	212	10	219	87	.247
Jochum, Betsy	645	2401	307	591	1314*	43	29	7	52	358	177	11	232	104	.246
Baker, Mary	618	2185	321	527	1067	26	18	1	67	381	279	24	173	127	.241
Dancer, Faye	542	1879	298	448	1026	45	14	14	57	333	249	30	180	193	.238
Perlick, Edythe	643	2404	343	567	1131	49	30	13	46	404	174	23	292*	97	.236
Dapkus, Eleanor	632	2228	252	517	1111	44	31	29*	40	151	239	11	279	226	.232
Gacioch, Rose	535	1891	183	430	927	40	19	3	79	153	133	18	213	113	.227
Eisen, Thelma	546	2036	283	461	955	35	18	8	43	400	173	25	161	75	.226
Applegren, Irene	179	446	44	98	198	6	1	0	19	18	45	7	29	40	.220
Harrell, Dorothy	488	1698	177	370	853	31	21	4	84	149	150	17	166	66	.218
Luna, Betty	263	682	53	148	367	19	12	2	29	32	61	5	59	66	.217
Deegan, Mildred	426	1323	151	286	603	31	23	4	37	99	132	20	134	75	.216
Paire, Lavonne	498	1802	147	388	903	46	10	0	59	45	153	19	195	82	.215
Barr, Doris	268	566	52	121	216	13	8	0	21	21	85	1	44	80	.214
Kellogg, Vivian	533	1915	146	411	946	43	33	4	29	67	104	14	181	106	.214
Lenard, Jo	510	1771	256	373	978	36	23	0	49	311	213	17	177	134	.211
Koehn, Phyllis	500	1724	187	355	690	32	21	6	18	113	82	11	183	120	.206
Chapman, Dorothy	578	1852	219	362	905	29	16	3	64	240	201	27	183	139	.195
Tetzlaff, Doris	534	1782	233	347	994	25	15	4	68	256	331	22	145	225	.195
Florreich, Lois	429	1424	177	278	553	22	26	5	22	238	151	10	125	199	.195
Callaghan, Marge	473	1489	209	285	848	8	8	3	85	219	272	52	88	250	.191
Lessing, Ruth	515	1720	155	323	908	29	8	2	67	96	183	18	156	175	.188
Petras, Ernestine	474	1539	181	279	786	22	7	0	113*	231	142	36	128	133	.181
Whiting, Betty	559	1797	182	323	856	30	13	2	58	157	222	57*	111	167	.180
Schroeder, Dorothy	643	2034	239	361	803	19	12	4	85	233	306	47	150	281*	.177
Hickson, Irene	494	1579	255	278	552	20	13	2	45	296	244	37	79	142	.176
Haine, Audrey	163	398	38	69	153	7	0	0	20	9	29	5	25	35	.173
Winter, Joanne	258	648	65	110	213	8	3	3	26	39	93	3	53	82	.170
Zeigler, Alma	557	1875	262	313	856	24	1	1	108	285	306	42	108	161	.167
English, Madeline	611	2071	245	341	669	10	16	2	83	310	246	17	135	239	.165
O'Hara, Janice	422	1230	120	198	372	12	8	1	54	85	96	18	90	80	.161
Trezza, Betty	499	1794	229	279	676	17	15	4	75	257	168	9	129	185	.156
Fox, Helen	257	620	44	95	173	5	7	3	27	22	24	3	34	56	.153
Danhauser, Margaret	630	1967	157	293	626	15	10	3	83	89	153	32	164	144	.149
Lee, Annabelle	188	438	32	65	147	6	0	0	19	20	63	8	19	28	.148
Blumetta, Catherine	156	404	34	48	122	2	0	0	24	11	39	5	19	97	.119

*After a number indicates lifetime league record.

1949 SCHEDULE OF GAMES — RACINE BELLES — AT HOME AND ABROAD

Games at Home

May 22, 23, 24 ..... Grand Rapids
May 25, 26-26, 27 ..... Muskegon
June 1, 2-2, 3 ..... Fort Wayne
June 12, 13, 14 ..... Peoria
June 15, 16 ..... Rockford
June 19, 20 ..... Kenosha
June 21, 22, 23 ..... South Bend
June 26, 27-27, 28 ..... Muskegon
July 4-4 ..... Kenosha
July 5, 6 ..... South Bend
July 11, 12 ..... Fort Wayne
July 16, 17-17, 18 ..... Rockford
July 19, 20, 21 ..... Peoria
July 24, 25 ..... Grand Rapids
Aug. 2, 3, 4 ..... South Bend
Aug. 11, 12 ..... Fort Wayne
Aug. 13, 14 ..... Peoria
Aug. 15, 16 ..... Rockford
Aug. 22, 23 ..... Kenosha
Aug. 28, 29, 30 ..... Grand Rapids
Sept. 2, 3 ..... Kenosha

Games Abroad

May 28, 29 ..... Grand Rapids
May 30-30 ..... Kenosha
June 4, 5-5 ..... South Bend
June 6, 7 ..... Peoria
June 8, 9, 10, 11 ..... Rockford
June 17, 18 ..... Kenosha
June 24, 25 ..... Fort Wayne
June 29, 30, July 1 ..... Grand Rapids
July 2, 3 ..... Muskegon
July 7, 8 ..... Fort Wayne
July 9, 10 ..... South Bend
July 13, 14, 15 ..... Peoria
July 22, 23 ..... Rockford
July 26, 27 ..... Muskegon
July 30, 31, Aug. 1 ..... Grand Rapids
Aug. 5-5, 6, 7 ..... Fort Wayne
Aug. 8, 9, 10 ..... South Bend
Aug. 17, 18, 19 ..... Peoria
Aug. 20, 21 ..... Rockford
Aug. 24, 25, 26, 27 ..... Muskegon
Aug. 31, Sept. 1 ..... Kenosha
Sept. 4, 5 ..... Kenosha

Where date appears twice this denotes doubleheader

Shaughnessy Playoff Series—1948

FINAL SEASON STANDING

Eastern Section

Team	W	L	Pct.
Grand Rapids	77	48	.616
Muskegon	68	58	.536
South Bend	57	69	.452
Fort Wayne	53	73	.421
Chicago	47	77	.379

Western Section

Team	W	L	Pct.
Racine	77	49	.611
Rockford	75	50	.600
Peoria	71	55	.563
Kenosha	62	64	.492
Springfield	41	84	.328

Although all ten teams played each other an equal number of times during the 1948 season, the league standings were divided into two sections. It was decided to hold the Shaughnessy playoff in each section at the termination of the regular season, with the winners to meet for the league championship.

In the first round, the two sectional leaders disposed of their opponents. Racine in the Western Section had little trouble with third place Peoria, due to the fact that the Redwings were badly crippled for the series. The Belles took three games in a row to move into the second round.

In the same section, Rockford disposed of the Kenosha Comets in apple-pie order, with Florreich and Holgerson pitching no-hit, no-run games and Fox winning the middle-piece on a two-hitter, allowing the only two safeties the Comets were able to garner in three straight games.

Meanwhile, the Eastern Section champions, the Grand Rapids Chicks, encountered great difficulty in disposing of the South Bend Blue Sox in a titanic struggle which was marked by excellent pitching. The first game went twenty innings with Jean Faut and Alice Haylett on the hill and the same pair struggled fifteen innings in the fourth game, with each team taking one of these decisions. The first four games were all won by the margin of one run and the final was copped by Grand Rapids 3-0.

Also in the Eastern Section, the Fort Wayne Daisies turned in a mild surprise by upsetting the Muskegon Lassies in four games. Muskegon took the first game behind Lefty Applegren, as expected, but the Daisies bounced back with three straight behind the slants of Annabelle Lee, Donna Cook and Kay Blumetta.

Second round play saw a great struggle between the red-hot Rockford Peaches and the Racine Belles. Superb pitching told the story, with the Peaches having a shade the better. Racine played without the services of its top hitter and all-around spark plug, Sophie Kurys, who was injured in first round play. Florreich gave up only one hit in the opener, Fox allowed six in the second game and Holgerson held the Belles to two blows in the finale. While the Racine pitchers gave up only 13 hits in the three games, the Peaches were opportune with their bats and Eleanor Callow especially nailed the Belles' hopes down in three straight games.

The startling upset of the series was provided by the upstart Fort Wayne Daisies, who had actually ended the over-all season in eighth place. They were not conceded much chance to defeat the Grand Rapids Chicks but they did so in three straight games. Cook and Kline hurled the 2-0 opener on a diet of six hits, Kline came back to pitch a two-hitter in the second game and little Annabelle Lee embarrassed the Chicks in the finale on two hits.

After disposing of two favored opponents, the Daisies just couldn't make it all the way. In the final series for the league championship, Rockford was again too good. The Peaches waltzed through the four-out-of-seven series with the loss of only one game. They won the first three, to make it nine straight playoff victories. After dropping the fourth game, they pinched it off with a 4-2 decision to record 10 victories out of eleven games played.

For the Peaches in the playoff series, Snookie Harrell was the leading hitter with 13 safe blows, in addition to playing her usual stellar game at shortstop. Eleanor Callow, hard-hitting outfielder, garnered 10 safeties and was especially devastating in the tight Racine series. Dottie Ferguson and Dottie Kamenshek each had nine hits in the eleven series games.

The Rockford pitching was superb throughout. Lois Florreich won three games and dropped one, in addition to helping Fox in the final game. She allowed only seven hits in the four games in which she pitched the entire stretch. Holgerson won three games and allowed a total of only four hits. Fox won four games without loss on a total of 21 well scattered enemy hits.

Another hitting star of the series was Vivian Kellogg, dependable first sacker for the Fort Wayne Daisies. Kelly tied Harrell for the most series hits with 13, several of them telling blows. Mary Bonnie Baker of South Bend was a top hitter in her team's series against Grand Rapids with a total of eight hits in five games. Inez Lefty Voyce, first sacker for the Chicks, also garnered eight safeties in her team's eight playoff games. Edie Perlick, dependable outfielder and hitting star of the Belles, earned a mention with her seven safe wallops in six games. Thelma Ty Eisen knocked out 12 hits for the Fort Wayne Daisies in twelve games and teammate Wilma Briggs had eight.

Rockford tallied a total of 65 hits in 11 games; Fort Wayne had 61 in 12 games; Grand Rapids totaled 39 in 8 games; Racine racked up 31 in 6 games; South Bend had 30 in 5 contests; Peoria garnered 18 in 3 games; Muskegon had 17 in 4 games and Kenosha recorded only 2 in 3 games.

The Rockford Peaches, under the management of Bill Allington, were worthy winners of the league crown. With all-star performers in Kamenshek and Harrell at first and short and with plenty of experience and know-how at second base in the person of Marge Stefani, the team brought along rookie Alice Pollitt at third base to real stardom. Solid sticking in the outfield by Callow and Rose Gacioch and the vast improve-

ment of Ruth Richards in her first full year back of the plate gave the team well balanced power and defense. Lois Florreich blossomed behind this solid team from the losingest pitcher of 1947 to top-flight rating in 1948. Marge Holgerson and Helen Fox, the latter converted from underhand pitching, were the other mainstays of the pitching staff.

It was a good team, well balanced, well managed and geared to its very peak for the playoff, typical of the type of talent and competition which might be expected throughout the entire league in 1949.

RACINE vs. PEORIA
Won by Racine, 6-4, 5-3, 2-1

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Racine	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	6	12	4
Peoria	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	4

Batteries: Winter and Hickson. Mueller and Vonderau.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Peoria	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	2
Racine	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	x	5	6	5

Batteries: E. Roth and Vonderau. Dapkus and Hickson.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
Peoria	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	3
Racine	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	6	1

Batteries: Mueller and Vonderau. Kotowicz and Hickson.

ROCKFORD vs. KENOSHA
Won by Rockford, 6-0, 3-2, 4-0

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Kenosha	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rockford	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	6	8	1

Batteries: Goldsmith, O'Hara and Naum. Florreich and Richards

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Rockford	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	6	5
Kenosha	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3

Batteries: Fox and Lovell. Stephens, Goldsmith and Naum.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Kenosha	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rockford	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	x	4	10	0

Batteries: Rotvig, Hohlmayer and Redman. Holgerson and Richards.

GRAND RAPIDS vs. SOUTH BEND
Won by Grand Rapids, 2-3, 3-2, 1-2, 1-0, 3-0

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	R	H	E
Grand Rapids:	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	5
South Bend:	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	11	0

Batteries: Haylett and Lessing. Faut and Stovroff.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
Grand Rapids	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	10	1
South Bend	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	1

Batteries: Earp and Lessing. Jochum and Stovroff.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
South Bend	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	4	0
Grand Rapids	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	R	H	E
So. Bend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1
Gr. Rapids	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
South Bend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Grand Rapids	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	x	3	5	0

Batteries: Jochum, Faralla and Stovroff. Earp and Lessing.

FORT WAYNE vs. MUSKEGON
Won by Fort Wayne, 0-4, 5-3, 6-3, 4-0

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Fort Wayne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3
Muskegon	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	x	4	3	0

Batteries: Blumetta and Rountree. Applegren and Chapman.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Fort Wayne	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	5	1
Muskegon	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	2

Batteries: Lee and Haefner. Sams, Fischer and Chapman.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Muskegon	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	4	2
Fort Wayne	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	x	6	6	2

Batteries: Sams, Lonetto and Chapman. Cook, Kline and Rountree.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Muskegon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2
Fort Wayne	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	x	4	5	3

Batteries: Applegren and Chapman. Blumetta and Rountree.

ROCKFORD vs. RACINE
Won by Rockford, 2-0, 3-1, 1-0

Innings	1	2	3	4	6	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Racine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Rockford	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	x	2	3	2

Batteries: Winter and Hickson. Florreich and Richards.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Racine	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0
Rockford	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	x	3	5	0

Batteries: Dapkus and Hickson. Fox and Lovell.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Rockford	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	1
Racine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1

Batteries: Holgerson and Richards. Kotowicz and Hickson, Hill

FORT WAYNE vs. GRAND RAPIDS
Won by Fort Wayne, 4-2, 1-0, 6-0

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	H	E
Fort Wayne	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	6	1	
Grand Rapids	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	4

Batteries: Cook, Kline and Rountree. Ziegler and Lessing.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Fort Wayne	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	0
Grand Rapids	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1

Batteries: Kline and Rountree. Haylett and Lessing.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Grand Rapids	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Fort Wayne	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	x	6	10	3

Batteries: Earp, Fisher and Lessing. Lee and Haefner.

ROCKFORD vs. FORT WAYNE
Won by Rockford, 1-0, 3-2, 10-0, 2-4, 4-2

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Fort Wayne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Rockford	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	x	1	4	0

Batteries: Blumetta and Rountree. Florreich and Richards.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Fort Wayne	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	6	2
Rockford	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	x	3	5	1

Batteries: Cook and Rountree. Fox and Lovell, Richards.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Fort Wayne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Rockford	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	11	0

Batteries: Lee, Kline and Haefner. Holgerson and Richards.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Rockford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	5	2
Fort Wayne	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	x	4	3	5

Batteries: Florreich and Richards. Blumetta and Rountree.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Rockford	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	8	3
Fort Wayne	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	7	2

Batteries: Fox, Florreich and Richards. Kline, Lee and Rountree.

1948 All-Star TEAM



AUDREY WAGNER, outfielder of the Kenosha Comets, was the Player of the Year in 1948, according to the concensus vote of league managers at the end of the season. As such, she will receive the Player of the Year trophy, awarded annually by MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FACTS AND FIGURES. In capturing this top honor, the gal from Bensenville, Illinois, follows in the footsteps of Connie Wisniewski (1945), Sophie Kurys (1946), and Doris Sams (1947). Wagner won the honor because of her exceptional hitting and all-around play. She won the League batting crown with a mark of .312, the second successive year in which she had topped the .300 mark, a great accomplishment in girls baseball. Wagner holds the all-time league records for most hits in one season, 130, most long hits in one season, 41, and most doubles in one season, 25. In 1949, she is playing her seventh year with the Comets, having started when she was only fifteen. She is now a student at Elmhurst College.

Dorothy Kamenshek of the Rockford Peaches, made the team for the third successive year at first base. She led the league in batting in 1946 and 1947 and she was fourth in 1948 with .286. She holds the highest lifetime batting mark with .284 over six full seasons of play.

Sophie Kurys of the Racine Belles was also a three-time repeater at second base. She was the top hitter for her sectional championship team and she led the league in runs scored, for the fourth time, and for stolen bases, for the fifth year in succession. She holds lifetime league records for games played, runs scored, stolen bases and bases on balls.

Dorothy (Snookie) Harrell of the Rockford Peaches made her second appearance on the team as shortstop. She was one of the top dozen hitters in 1948 and ranked high among the leaders in total advanced bases and runs-batted-in.

The third baseman was Maddy English, who made the team for the second time. English was a popular choice on the basis of her aggressive play, her team spirit and her sensational defensive ability.

In addition to Wagner, the outfielders were Edie Perlick of the Racine Belles, for the second straight year, and Connie Wisniewski of the Grand Rapids Chicks, who formerly made the team as a pitcher. Perlick is an all-around great and holds the lifetime record for runs batted in. Wisniewski batted third in the league in 1948 with .289. She led the league with 409 total advanced bases and in home runs. She was second in runs batted in.

The catcher for the third straight year was Ruth Lessing of the Grand Rapids Chicks. She appeared in every one of her team's 125 games and played a stellar game behind the mask. She holds most of the all-time league records for catchers.

The pitchers on the All-Star team were Alice Haylett of the Grand Rapids Chicks, Joanne Winter of the Racine Belles and Lois Florreich of the Rockford Peaches. Haylett and Winter tied for most wins with 25. The former had the best winning percentage and low earned run average. Winter led in complete games, innings pitched, strikeouts and most low hit games. Florreich won 22 games for the Peaches during the season and won three playoff games on a total of three hits.

Former All-Stars and the number of times they have been selected in three years are Kamenshek (3), Kurys (3), English (2), Harrell (2), Perlick (2), Wisniewski (2), Wagner (2), Lessing (3), Winter(2).

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1945
Connie Wisniewski, Grand Rapids

1946
Sophie Kurys, Racine Belles

1947
Doris Sams, Muskegon Lassies

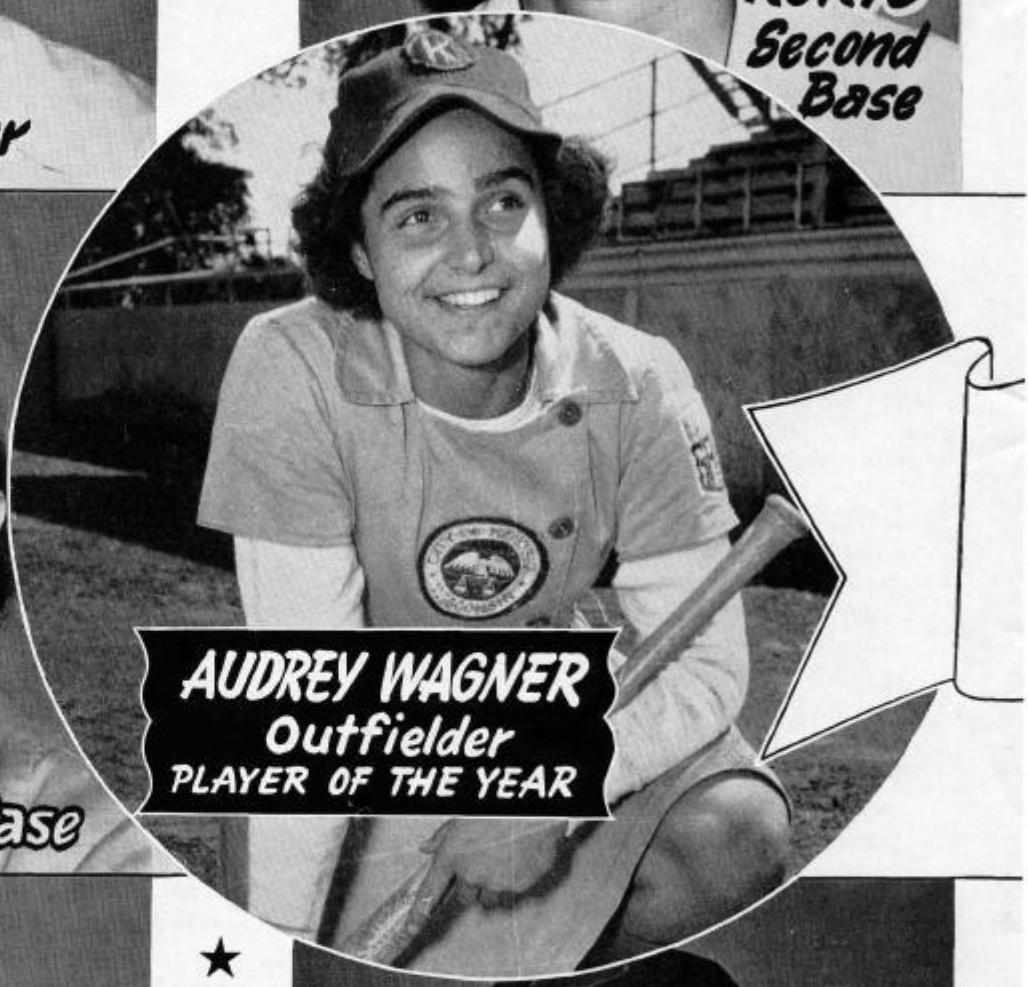
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Audrey Wagner, Kenosha Comets



JOANNE WINTER • Pitcher



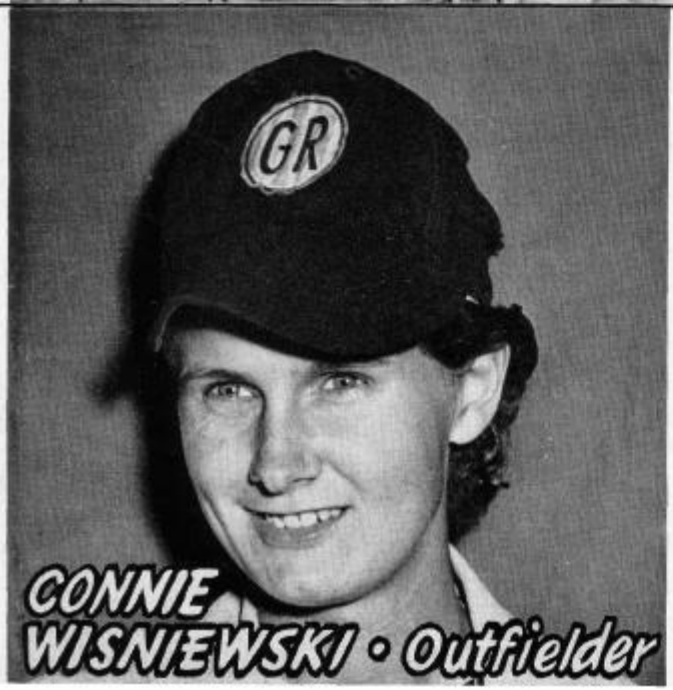
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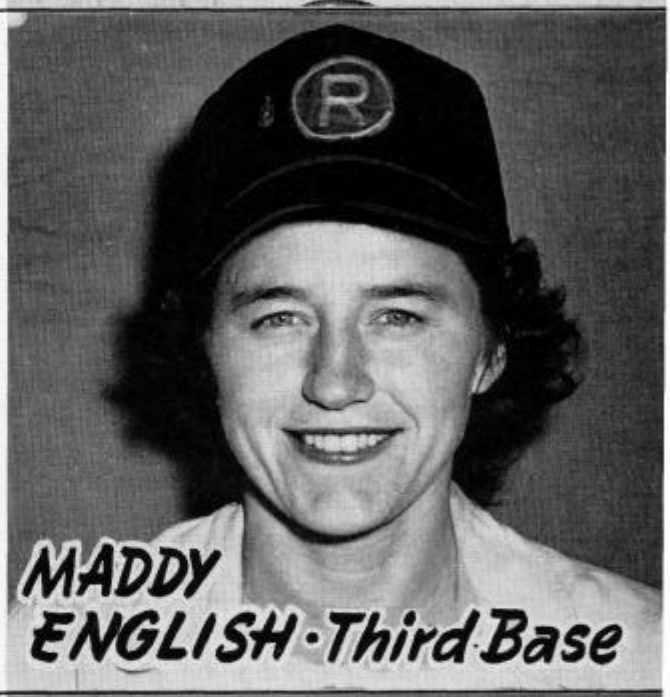
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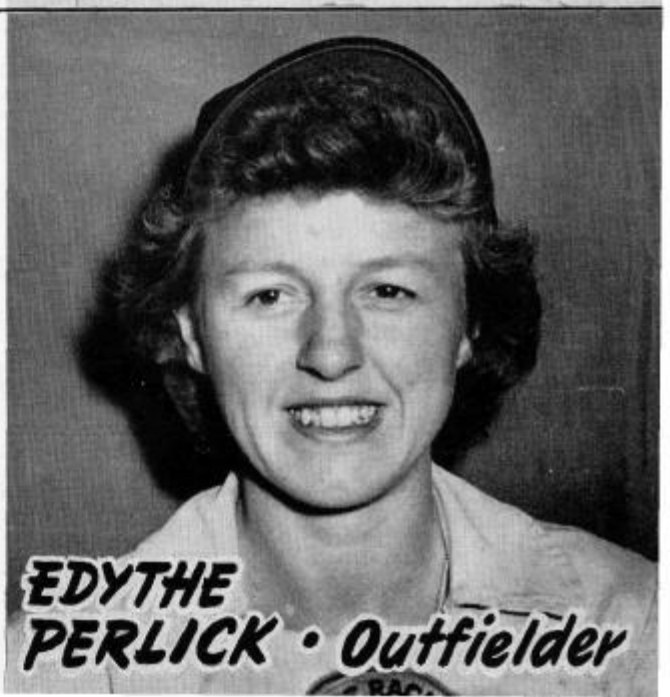


1948

ALL-STAR TEAM







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Labor of Love

Bat girls Marilyn Ekholm (left) and Heather Black have served honorably and well in the cause of the Belles just for the enjoyment of being near their major league heroines. Marilyn attends Jefferson School in Racine and Heather is enrolled at McKinley Junior High. After three years of service, they are retiring to make way for "youth" in the bat girl department. But they will remain as staunch fans and close followers of the Belles fortunes, with a close eye always on the bat pile.

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Tension on the Bench

Riding the bench is just as nerve wracking as playing on the field. Here a bevy of Belles display varying attitudes of concern as other teammates take their turns at bat. Sitting on the bench, from left to right, are: Louise Erickson, Ike Kotowicz, Irene Hickson, Edie Perlick, Jo Winter, Willie Wilson and Maddy English. In the foreground, left to right, are Gerry Bureker and Marnie Danhauser. Ten to one they are watching Sophie Kurys steal another base. And ten to one, Sophie made it, as usual.

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Under Wraps

Those cold spring nights are no fun for the players or the fans. But the gals take it in stride and give their best, no matter what the weather. After returning from Florida's sunny clime in the spring of 1948, these gals were still able to smile at Lake Michigan's wintry blast. Keeping warm on the bench, left to right, are: Laurie Lee, local Racine product who tried out with the Belles, Irene Hickson, regular catcher, Sophie Kurys, the club's leading hitter, Jo Winter, the Belles top pitcher, and Betty Jameson, rookie catcher.

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Going South

Managers have a lot of things to worry about in addition to ball games and crowds. Here we see Leo Murphy (left) and Business Manager Bill Priaulx, checking and packing Belles paraphernalia and equipment, preparatory to the spring training jaunt. In 1946, the entire league trained at Pascagoula, Mississippi. In 1947, the training site was Havana, Cuba. And in 1948, the league trained at Opa-Locka, Florida. In 1949, the Belles joined the Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Kenosha club in training exercises at West Baden, Indiana.

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President Bill Wadewitz obviously agrees that the Belles are really belles on and off the field. This good looking foursome got together with the club prexy at the 1948 banquet and gave out with their most toothsome smiles. Left to right, they are: Irene (Ike) Kotowicz, Betty (Mo) Trezza, Marnie Danhauser and Maddy (Buster) English. All are back with the Belles and ready for a big season in 1949. Kotowicz and Trezza were among the league all-stars who toured South America during the past winter and reported to the club in excellent playing condition.

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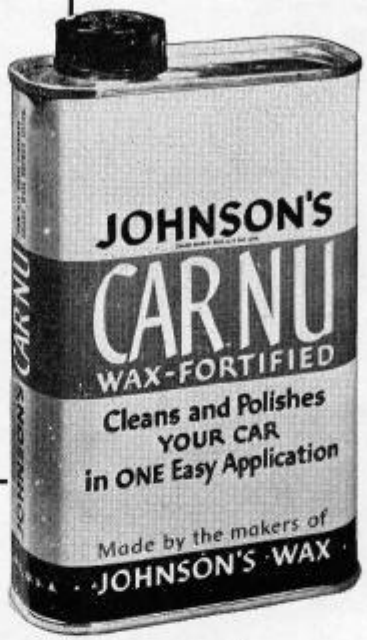
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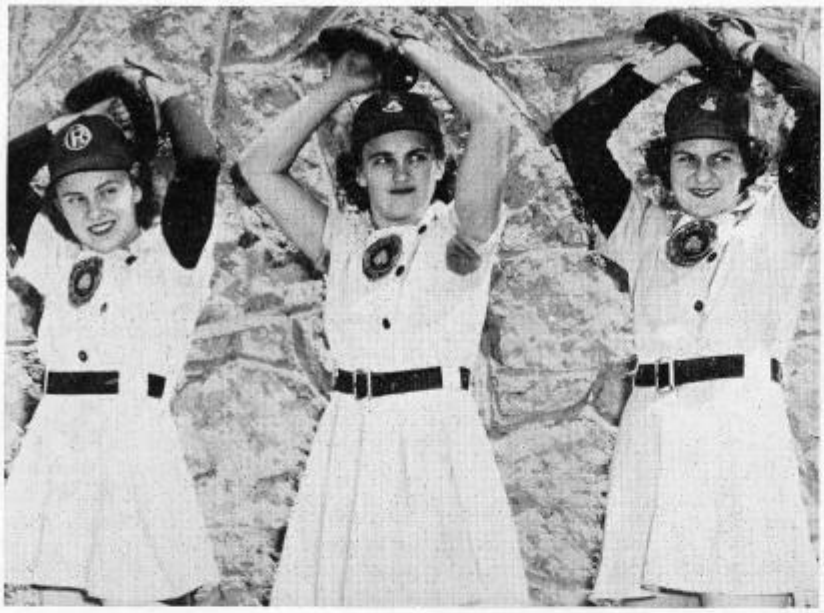
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The Big Three

These three pitchers carried the Belles hurling burden in the 1948 campaign. Between them, they won 67 of the 77 games captured by the Belles last season. Left to right: Irene (Ike) Kotowicz, who won 18, Ellie Dapkus, who alternated between the outfield and the mound and won 24 games, including a no-hitter, Joanne Winter, who took 25 contests and led the league's pitchers in several departments. They are all back in 1949 and are out to equal or better that record, with help from Erman Bergman and Sugar Koehn. If this trio can win 67 games in 1949, the Racine Belles will be a real pennant threat.

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Our best wishes go to Racine's fine girls' baseball team for a successful season. Come on you Belles! Hit that old apple!

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The 1948 Outfield

All these lassies played outfield for the Belles in the 1948 season. Kneeling in front are Virginia Tezak and Mary Kimball, rookies who spent part of the season with the local team. In the rear, left to right: Gerry Bureker, another rookie, who played a number of games in right field, Ellie Dapkus, who played in right and center, as well as taking her turn on the pitcher's mound, Edie Perlick, who played regularly in left field and was selected on the 1948 All-Star team, and Phil Francisco, left-handed power hitter, who retired from the game during the past winter.

Winter Reunion

During the winter months, this group of Belles got together with Manager Leo Murphy for hot stove league discussions. Seated in the group, from left to right, are: former member of the Belles, Pepper Paire, with Sophie Kurys and Marnie Danhauser. In the rear, standing, are: Edie Perlick, Willie Wilson, Leo Murphy, Joanne Winter, Ellie Dapkus and Anna May Hutchison. Pepper Paire now plays with the Grand Rapids Chicks and Anna May Hutchison has left the Belles to work as a regular pitcher for the Muskegon Lassies.



RACINE BELLES

1948 SCHEDULE OF GAMES

Games at Home	Games Abroad
May 12, 13, 14, 15....South Bend	May 9, 10, 11.....Kenosha
May 16, 17, 17, 18.....Kenosha	May 19, 20, 21.....South Bend
May 25, 26, 27, 28.....Rockford	May 22, 23, 24.....Chicago
May 29, 30, 31, 31.....Chicago	June 1, 2, 3.....Springfield
June 9, 10, 11.....Peoria	June 5, 6, 7, 8.....Grand Rapids
June 12, 13, 14....Grand Rapids	June 15, 16, 17, 18.....Peoria
June 25, 26, 27, 27....Muskegon	June 19, 20, 21, 21...Muskegon
June 28, 29, 30.....Fort Wayne	June 22, 23, 24.....Fort Wayne
July 1, 2, 3.....Springfield	July 4, 5, 5, 6.....Rockford
July 11, 12, 12.....South Bend	July 7, 8, 9, 10.....Kenosha
July 13, 14, 15.....Kenosha	July 16, 17, 18, 19...South Bend
July 24, 25, 26, 26...Fort Wayne	July 20, 21, 22, 23.....Chicago
July 27, 28, 29.....Chicago	July 30, 31, August 1..Rockford
August 7, 8, 9, 9.....Peoria	August 2, 3, 4.....Grand Rapids
Aug. 10, 11, 12, 13..Grand Rapids	August 14, 15, 16.....Peoria
August 17, 18, 19.....Muskegon	August 20, 21, 22, 22..Springfield
August 28, 29, 30, 30..Springfield	August 25, 26, 27.....Muskegon
September 5, 6, 6.....Rockford	Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3..Fort Wayne

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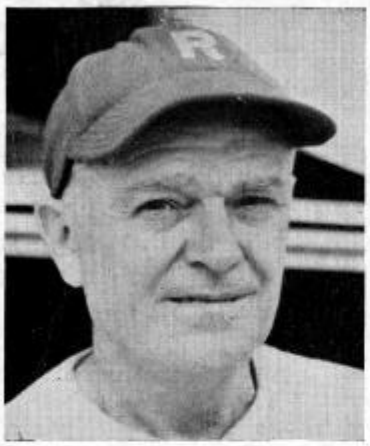
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MURPH AND WILLIE SIGN FOR 1948



Leo Murphy, the (sometimes) smiling Irisher, long time major and minor league ball player and for many years a resident of Racine, has inked his contract to lead the 1948 Racine Belles in the All-American Girls Baseball League. It will mark Murph's fourth consecutive season with the Belles, since he took over the reins in mid-season of 1945. Murph led that sagging 1945 entry into a playoff berth by the end of the season and the following year he produced a pennant and playoff winner for Racine. In 1947, he again kept his club in the thick of the race, finishing in a second place tie with the Grand Rapids Chicks and then almost upsetting the apple cart by knocking off the championship Muskegon Lassies in the playoff and coming within a whisker of beating the Chicks in a seven-game series for the Shaughnessy mugg.

Willie Wilson, popular chaperone of the Belles all through the Murphy regime, has also placed her signature on the dotted line for the '48 season. Willie has done an excellent job of maintaining harmony on the team since her arrival in 1945 and has nursed her charges into excellent condition throughout several gruelling campaigns. She has made her home in Racine during the past winter, operating as a partner in the flourishing Joanne Winter candy shop on Main Street and also playing sufficient basketball with local teams to stamp herself as one of the top girl cagers of the season.



Ten Teams in 1948

Most AAGBL fans already know that ten teams will comprise the circuit when the 1948 season gets under way. There has been much conjecture as to whether this has been a good move on the part of the league "fathers." Direct from the feed box, we know that there have been good and sufficient reasons, from the standpoint of the future success and security of the league, to undertake this important expansion at the present time. On the other hand, every effort must be made by the League Management Corporation and the managements of the various clubs to maintain the highest possible standards of play during the coming season.

The new entries in the league are Chicago and Springfield, Illinois. The Chicago club will play under the sponsorship of Shewbridge Field, one of the finest of the smaller sports stadia in the Windy City. Inasmuch as this location is right in the heart of the largest Irish parish in the City of Chicago, it is only fitting that the club should be known as the Chicago Colleens, a name concocted by Rev. M. J. Sweeney, President of the Shewbridge entry. The manager of the team will be Dave Bancroft, one of the greatest major league shortstops of all time and a great hero of the New York Giants championship teams under the late John J. McGraw.

At Springfield, the Sallies will play as the feature attraction in the Jim Fitzpatrick Memorial Stadium, which was constructed last year by Mr. J. R. Fitzpatrick as a memorial to his son who died in the service. Mr. Fitzpatrick, who is engaged in the lumber business and operates a weekly newspaper in Springfield, will serve as President of the new non-profit, community girls ball club. The manager will be Carson Bigbee, who played in the great Pittsburgh outfield with Max Carey and Billy Southworth and whose pinch hit double against Walter Johnson in the seventh and deciding game won the World Series of 1925.

Past activities at Shewbridge Field in Chicago, as well as the success of the organization which backs the team there, practically assures the success of the Colleens at that location. At the same time, Springfield, with a sports-minded population of approximately 100,000, seems ideally adapted to this type of community project and with the enthusiasm of a leading sports and civic-minded individual like Mr. Fitzpatrick, the city should take kindly to the thrilling girls game.

Certainly, ten-team competition should add even further interest to the already exciting pennant race and produce some great rivalry in 1948. Again we say, however, from the standpoint of the fan, let the league "fathers" bear down hard on the acquirement of sufficient high caliber talent to assure the very best standards of play throughout the league. Granting that they succeed in this aim, girls baseball fans can look forward to the biggest and best season of all in 1948.

Spring In The Air

It's always a sure sign of spring when ball players head for the sunny south. And it won't be long after this is written that the Belles and all the AAGBL girls will be on their way to spring training in a warmer clime.

Two years ago, the AAGBL instituted the system of training all its personnel at one site when it picked Pascagoula, Mississippi. Last year, it was Havana, Cuba, where the baseball-mad populace went wild about the girls brand of play. And this year, it will be Opa-Locka, Florida, a suburb of Miami.

Opa-Locka is the site of a former Naval Air Station, now turned into a resort and it has two fine diamonds and lots of playing field which President Max Carey helped to lay out for the Navy during the war. Arrangements have been made to house and feed the players and league personnel and there is some hope that the new base, if satisfactory, may be established as an annual training camp.

After a short combined training period, the players will be tentatively allocated, so that they may set out on a series of exhibition appearances in surrounding cities. It is expected that series of games will be played in Miami and Tampa, as well as other southern cities. And three or four teams will go to Havana and other Cuban cities, where the fans are still clamoring for a look at the girls.

Dick Bass, newly assigned manager for the Fort Wayne Daisies, recently took a mixed team of Cuban and AAGBL girls to play in Puerto Rico and Maricaibo. He says: "The people in San Juan are really baseball fans. We drew over 40,000 paid admissions there with general admission charge of $1.50. The first game was a sell out and our toughest job was getting across the street to the hotel after the game.

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We Make Our Bow

With this edition, The Racine Belle makes its bow (woof, woof). We have every hope that it will be possible to publish at frequent intervals all the news and gossip about the Racine entry in the All-American Girls Baseball League.

And we want very much to make this the magazine of the Belles fans, so that we might have an exchange of ideas, information and suggestions for the people who have helped to make this great community project a real success.

The only way in which we can tell whether we are "on the beam" is to hear from you. By sending your name and address to the Belles business office at the address listed above, you will be placed on the permanent mailing list of the Belles to receive all news and information about the team from time to time.

If enough interest is shown and a sufficient number of fans register their interest, a real effort will be made to find ways and means of publishing The Racine Belle at regular intervals and mail it right to your home. This will mean all year 'round, up-to-the-minute news and gossip about the Racine team and the happenings of the League.

If you like this new "serenade of the Belles," be sure to tell your friends. Just have them mail a card or letter to Racine Belles, 1548 Holmes Avenue, Racine, giving full name and address. Be sure to print plainly. And then we'll try to do our part in making your new sports edition "as you like it."

It's On The Way

Many fans are already asking about the 1948 Year Book—and we can definitely say at this time that there will be such an animal. Like a lot of other "firsts" in the All-American Girls Baseball League, Racine was the first to develop and produce an annual Year Book for its fans. Now, most of the other league clubs have followed suit with a result that AAGBL teams produce some of the finest books turned out by any sports teams in the entire country. Many of our Racine fans have saved each edition since we started in 1944 and look forward to adding to their Racine Belles library. When it comes to popularity, we hope this year's book will be no exception. It is going to be as big or bigger than ever, with several new and interesting features, as well as a strong emphasis on pictures. It will be given away FREE, as usual, to all fans attending a designated game after the opening of the season. The actual date and further details will be announced. Meanwhile, we hope our fans will give a thought or two for the people who really make these fine Year Books possible. We refer to the many fine Racine industrial and business concerns who annually subscribe for the advertising space in the publication and thus make it possible for you to obtain a copy absolutely FREE. Year after year, these civic-minded people have supported the Belles operations in this manner and thus given evidence of the fine community spirit which makes us feel proud to be a part and parcel of good old Racine. When you do receive your 1948 Year Book, give more than a passing glance to the names of those advertisers who are helping to make possible the finest sports and recreation activity that has ever entertained our populace. They are good citizens in every sense of the word and deserve our appreciation. In other words, they are tops in our book!

(In a succeeding issue we hope to be able to tell you about the bigger and better Belles score card, free at all games in the 1948 season).

1948 SCHEDULE OF THE RACINE BELLES

Because of the expansion to ten clubs in 1948, the schedule of games will be increased during the coming season. Each team will play a total of 126 games, as compared to 112 in the past two years. This means that all ten teams will meet every other team in the league on 14 occasions, with home engagements against each club on seven dates. That means, of course, 63 home games for each team, a special bargain for season ticket holders. It will be a long and rugged schedule for the players but one which is fortunately broken up this year to provide a number of off-days.

The league will be split into two sections with five teams in each. The Eastern Section will consist of Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Chicago, Fort Wayne and South Bend. The Western Section will include Racine, Kenosha, Rockford, Peoria and Springfield. While all ten teams will play each other an equal number of times, the won and lost records of each team will be entered in its own section and there will be awards for the team finishing on top in each section at the end of the season.

The four top teams in each section will then engage in a post-season playoff series and the winners of the Shaughnessy playoff in each section will then meet in the final playoff series for the league championship. While there are some drawbacks to this system, there are many advantages. First, it means that interest may be maintained in any league city throughout the entire season, because only two of the ten teams are eventually eliminated from the playoff series and a crack at the championship. If any team suffers early in the season because of injuries or misfortune, it can still recoup its losses to the extent of at least participating in the playoff and the fans are given an opportunity to see series baseball with the chips down and the competition at its level best. True, it means that a fourth place team can eventually be declared the league champion but there will also be awards for the two sectional champions on the basis of their percentage throughout the entire season.

Racine will have a good home season, with 63 games scheduled on 55 dates. There will be eight doubleheaders at home. Although the season opens on May 9, the Belles first playing date at home is May 12, unless an unexpected switch is made with Kenosha Comets, who are hurrying to ready a new ball park by Opening Day.

Here is the complete Belles schedule for 1948, showing dates at home and abroad. Better plan now on setting up your own schedule so that you can enjoy all of these games. And the best way to make sure of that is to get tickets in advance, while there are still box seats available. Bill Priaulx, business manager, can best advise you and help you in making arrangements, either for season or advance sale tickets, in keeping with your requirements:

GAMES AT HOME		GAMES ABROAD	
May 12-13-14-15	South Bend	May 9-10-11	Kenosha
May 16-17-17-18	Kenosha	May 19-20-21	South Bend
May 25-26-27-28	Rockford	May 22-23-24	Chicago
May 29-30-31-31	Chicago	June 1-2-3	Springfield
June 9-10-11	Peoria	June 5-6-7-8	Grand Rapids
June 12-13-14	Grand Rapids	June 15-16-17-18	Peoria
June 25-26-27-27	Muskegon	June 19-20-21-21	Muskegon
June 28-29-30	Fort Wayne	June 22-23-24	Fort Wayne
July 1-2-3	Springfield	July 4-5-5-6	Rockford
July 11-12-12	South Bend	July 7-8-9-10	Kenosha
July 13-14-15	Kenosha	July 16-17-18-19	South Bend
July 24-25-26-26	Fort Wayne	July 20-21-22-23	Chicago
July 27-28-29	Chicago	July 30-31, August 1	Rockford
August 7-8-9-9	Peoria	August 2-3-4	Grand Rapids
August 10-11-12-13	Grand Rapids	August 14-15-16	Peoria
August 17-18-19	Muskegon	August 20-21-22-22	Springfield
August 28-29-30-30	Springfield	August 25-26-27	Muskegon
September 5-6-6	Rockford	August 31, Sept. 1-2-3	Fort Wayne

• *Irene (Tuffy) Hickson, vet catcher of the Belles, popped into Racine in mid-March and immediately started working out with Jo Winter at the Y.W. gym. Tuffy is still doctoring a crooked finger as a result of playing through eleven playoff games last fall with a broken digit.*

• *Pepper Paire is reported to have suffered a concussion in a recent auto accident near her home in California. Reports are meagre but the Paire anatomy apparently escaped other injury and it is expected that the redhead will be ready to go in April.*

• *Dottie Green, former regular catcher with the Rockford Peaches, will serve as chaperone of the same club this season . . . Dot broke a leg early last year and while her playing days are over, the Peaches are to be commended for giving a swell gal a chance to remain active in the league.*

THREE BELLES SELECTED ON 1947 ALL-STAR TEAM



Sophie Kurys



Edie Perlick



Anna May Hutchison

Although the Belles failed by the proverbial cat's whisker to repeat as pennant winners and playoff champions in 1947, they still managed to carry off their share of individual honors when it came to the selection of an official All-Star team.

This All-Star team was chosen for MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FACTS AND FIGURES, a national baseball annual which is published and produced in Racine and distributed all over the country to the tune of 350,000 copies. The selections are made by the AAGBL managers who completed the season with each team in the league. They also select the Player of the Year, who receives a trophy donated by the above mentioned publication. Doris Sams of Muskegon was the player so selected at the close of the 1947 season and her picture will adorn one of the covers of MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL, which will be available on the newsstands in April.

Racine placed more players on the team again in 1947 than any other club in the league, with three members of its roster getting the nod from the judges and winning by a handy margin in their respective positions. Sophie Kurys, who was Player of the Year in 1946 when she broke five all-time league records, repeated as the second baseman on the All-Star team without serious threat from the competition. Sophie still led the league in stolen bases for the fourth successive year by a wide margin and for the second successive year, she topped them all in runs scored.

Another repeater was Anna May Hutchison, who received almost unanimous support as one of the three pitchers selected by the managers. "Hutch" was a foregone conclusion for a spot on the mythical team. Her 27 wins in 1947 made her the winningest pitcher in the league. She appeared in eight of Racine's eleven playoff games and won five. Her two-year record as a pitcher gives her a total of 53 wins, a mighty handsome figure. She led the league in pitching shutouts in 1947 with an even dozen.

The third member of the Belles cast to be named was outfielder Edie Perlick, who was a popular choice of all the managers. Edie well deserved the honor because she has always been recognized as one of the best all-around consistent players of the league. Her fielding leaves nothing to be desired and often borders on the sensational. She is always thereabouts with her bat and led the local club at the plate in 1947. And perhaps even more important, she has always been a hustling, hard working ball players' ball player, who has given her best at all times.

These three All-Stars, of course, must be listed as virtual certainties on the 1948 roster of the Racine Belles. A complete story and two full pages of photos of all the All-Star players will appear in the 1948 Year Book.

The Player Outlook For 1948

Every red hot fan is asking the same question these days—how will the Belles stack up in the '48 race? The only answer we can give them is the assurance that they'll be in there pitching—and we hope hitting!

All of the Belles key players of 1947 will be back in the league fold and the club management, at least, has hopes that most of them will be back at Horlick Field in the livery of the Belles.

Among the local favorites, many have spent a good portion of the off-season in Racine. Joanne Winter and Willie Wilson, the well-known Kandy Kids, have been keeping in touch with their sweet-tooth fans at their chocolate emporium in downtown Racine. Jo has been holding secret workouts with the new AAGBL ball and Leo Murphy, with shades drawn and armed guards at all exits. Our guess as an answer to the mystery—a new pitching delivery to go with the new season. A new chocolate "drop?"

Marnie Danhauser, Pepper Paire, Sophie Kurys and Edie Perlick have all been helping book production at the plant of Western Printing & Litho. Company for at least some part of the winter. Anna May Hutchison has divided her winter between Denver, Racine and Louisville. Ellie Dapkus has visited Racine frequently. These and all other Belles regulars of 1947 are reported as signed to league contracts.

The League itself has adopted a nine-player reserve clause for this year. This means that each club is entitled to name no more than nine of its previous players which it can definitely retain on its roster. The balance of the experienced players, not named on the reserve lists, together with all new rookie talent, must go into the player pool at the time of allocation. It is more than likely, of course, that the best of them will be snared by the two new teams coming into the league, before the already established clubs get a crack at the player pool for their reserve talent.

Two big questions arise from this new arrangement (1) Who wants the very unhappy assignment of picking the nine players to be retained on the Belles reserve list? (2) What kind of talent will be available in the player pool to fill out the rosters of all ten teams?

In answer to the first question, let it be said that other clubs, like Muskegon, are going to have an even bigger problem than the Belles in picking only nine players and thus turning loose talent they would like to retain. It will be difficult job for managers and team directors to eventually boil down the list of potential candidates and in this respect, Racine management and fans alike will have to be good sports and go along with the rest of the clubs who are all in the same boat.

The answer to the second question is another **must** for the League Management Corporation, its President and his assistants, to come up with enough good talent to fill out the personnel of all clubs. It is reported that approximately sixty new rookie candidates will appear at spring training this year and the percentage of first string material is expected to be high.

Shirley Jameson, former star center fielder of the Kenosha Comets, was engaged last summer as a league scout. She covered many parts of the country, scouting ball players, and she signed to league contracts about forty players who, in her experienced estimation, could make the grade in the AAGBL. In addition, Johnny Rawlings, one of the league's most capable managers, has been conducting tryout schools in California, Denver, Chicago, New York and Allentown, Pa., in advance of spring training, to cull the very best available from the amateur ranks. This means that in 1948, practically all candidates going to spring training will have passed before the critical eyes of those who really know AAGBL ball and what a player needs in the way of talent and ability to make good in the big time.

It is hoped, therefore, come what may, that the Belles and all other teams will come out of the allocation meeting with solid teams and sufficient player and reserve strength to carry them through a rugged schedule of 126 games. And it is still possible that some of the clubs may be able to return with former experienced players, beyond the nine player reserve list, which they may have reacquired from the player pool.

There'll Be Some Changes Made

Girls baseball, as she is played in the All-American Girls Baseball League, is and always has been an entirely exclusive game. With its own rules and regulations, it is played by no other league or teams in the world. Since its inception in 1943, however, various refinements and changes have been made to keep abreast of increasing skill and talent of the players and to provide the best possible balance between batting, pitching, fielding, throwing and base-running in relation to full scale baseball.

During the coming season, fans are destined to see still further changes which are designed to make the game even more interesting and stimulating from the standpoint of the spectator.

It became a foregone conclusion in 1947 that the old underhand and windmill style of pitching was on the way out. Only a handful of the topnotchers in this style remained, notably Jo Winter, Connie Wisniewski, Dottie Collins, Helen Fox and Betty Luna. The last two campaigns have seen the rise of such pitching aces as Millie Earp, Anna May Hutchison, Jean Faut, Dottie Mueller and others, most of whom came to the baseball wars as candidates for other positions. With the obvious lack of underhand pitchers, the league made a smart move in 1946 when it permitted the sidearm pitch with certain restrictions. Since that time, every team in the league has had an opportunity to develop pitchers from the playing personnel on its own team.

However, batting averages are still out of proportion to full scale baseball and further changes in 1948 are designed to give the hitter a better chance, to open up the play and provide the fans with more base hits and consequently more action on the field. The official league ball will be smaller and livelier than ever before, with a circumference of 10¾ inches. The pitching distance, from the rubber to the home plate, will be increased from 43 feet to at least 48 feet, which means that the batter will get a better "look" at the ball and more opportunities to pick out the "good ones." And to keep the game in balance from a fielding standpoint, the base distances will be increased from 70 feet to 72 feet apart.

Exact changes and revisions may depend somewhat on the results of experimentation during the spring training exercises but the above changes are official and we predict that 1948 will see the advent of the overhand pitch! Pitchers like Hutchison, Earp and others who took part in brief exhibition series at Havana, Cuba, last fall, report no difficulty on the increased pitching distance and the batters are ready to look at overhand pitching from 48 feet. From the standpoint of the Racine fan, anything that will help the batting of the Belles will be more than welcome!

Racine Belles Junior Girls League

Last year, most readers will recall, the Racine Belles improved and expanded the seating facilities at Horlick Field and financed a number of decided improvements for the benefit of all sports and civic events at the local sports stadium. In addition, with the enthusiastic backing of its fans, the Belles corporation helped to equip and sponsor almost one thousand boys and girls playing baseball in the Racine City Recreation League.

This year, the Belles will go even further in helping to promote and advance the interests of the junior girls. The plan is devised not only to provide additional recreation and wholesome sports entertainment for teen-age youth but also to offer a better chance to the junior aspirant to develop ability and skill as a possible major leaguer. In each of the AAGBL communities, this would seem the best possible program for the development of future talent.

In 1948, the Belles will operate and direct a four-team junior girls league. All girls of fourteen years of age and upward will be eligible to register for a tryout and the sixty girls selected as a result of local spring training exercises will be allocated to the four teams. Then a complete schedule of games will be played throughout the baseball season, with many of them to be staged at Horlick Field as preliminary attractions to the regular league contests of the Belles.

The teams will be completely outfitted in the same pattern as their sister big leaguers, with uniforms, socks, caps, sweaters and all the accoutrements of the big time ball clubs. Four distinctive and attractive color combinations have been selected for the teams.

Each team will have an experienced and qualified manager, selected by the Belles management on the basis of experience and ability, as well as qualification to teach and instruct youthful players. Most Racine sports fans are well acquainted with Herb Hoppe, Pete Neidhart, Roscoe Anderson and LeRoy Wood, all of whom have established fine reputations as local ball players and stars of other sports. These men have accepted their assignments with enthusiasm and, together with Leo Murphy, they will be in charge of the selection and allocation of players as well as the handling of the individual clubs.

Last year, as a result of the week long All-Star junior girls series and voting of the fans for the Player of the Year in junior ranks, one young player from Racine will go to spring training with the AAGBL in 1948 and stands an excellent chance of becoming one of the girl baseball stars of the future. Nancy Anderson, a product of Washington Park High School, is the girl who has set the pattern which many another Racine prospect might follow in years to come. With continued support from the fans of Racine, who after all make these things possible, it is hoped that within a year or two Racine will be producing its own share of girl baseball stars of the future. Watch for further news about the Racine Belles Junior Girls League.

• *The AAGBL will operate a four-team farm league in the Chicago area this summer which will serve as a proving ground for new talent . . . under the capable guidance of Lenny Zintak, an experienced tutor in baseball fundamentals, formerly with the Chicago Park Board. Lenny has been conducting schools all winter and already claims he has a number of candidates who will be ready for the big time this year.*

• *The field of education retards the spring training of several AAGBL stars . . . Ruth Williams, Blue Sox pitcher, is teaching at a Pennsylvania college and Lib Mahon, stellar outfielder of the same team, is giving out with advanced abc's at a South Bend High School . . . Audrey Wagner of Kenosha, last year's slugging star, is attending Elmhurst College . . . Jennie Romatowski of Rockford and Janice O'Hara of Kenosha are both tied up with other employment which prevents them from going to Florida . . . Jean Faut, pitching ace at South Bend, is taking time out to become a mama . . . question: if the bouncing bambino is a girl, does she belong on the Blue Sox roster?*

• *New name for the Springfield, Illinois team is the Sallies . . . Mrs. William Fults of that city gets a season pass and $25 for naming the team in a city wide contest . . . More than 250 individual names were suggested and six of them named the Sallies but the judges gave the nod to Mrs. Fults because of her winning letter . . . Official emblem of the team will be an attractive red, white and blue silhouette head of Abraham Lincoln...*

DO IT NOW!

For future copies of THE RACINE BELLE, mailed free to your home, send a card with your name and address printed plainly . . . for Junior girl players who want to register for the Junior League . . . and for box seats and advanced seats for the 1948 season, write or call:

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BELLES OPEN AT KENOSHA MAY 9



HON. FRANCIS H. WENDT
He'll throw first ball . . .

Song of the South

Although they have failed to win any spring championship series, the Belles have been doing alright for themselves in training games. In spite of minor ailments by several of the players, the pitching and defense have been good and we know that manager Murph has not been forcing the pace for his veterans.

Jo Winter and Ellie Dapkus look great as pitchers. Little Laurie Lee is a Racine gal who has been working hard to make the grade for two or three years. Irene Kotowicz will be a real help on the mound and Anna May Hutchison will be there, as usual.

We know very little of the Racine rookies. Catcher Betty Jamieson hails from Minneapolis where she worked in the First National Bank. Mary Kimball is a Michigan girl who served as a clerk for the Michigan Audit Bureau. Virginia Tezak comes from Joliet, Illinois where she is majoring in Physical Education at college. Gerry Bureker calls Portland, Oregon her home and she has been employed as a telephone operator.

There are eight new faces on the roster of the Belles. Let's meet them and greet them at Horlick Field on May 12.

All AAGBL teams this year sport two sets of uniforms. The home team will be attired in white and will wear its colored uniform only on the road. And do those white home uniforms look snappy!

First Home Game May 12

The 1948 season of the 10-team All-American Girls' Baseball League will open with a bang in five of the league cities on the evening of May 9. All the thrills and fanfare of Opening Day will be in evidence as fans flock to the ball parks to get a look at the 1948 edition of the Belles, Comets, Chicks, Lassies, Peaches, Blue Sox, Redwings, Daisies, Colleens and Sallies.

Opening Day is an event that few red-hot fans ever miss. There's a real "lift" when the teams take the field for the first time in the season-long grind of 126 games. There's a thrill in the first pitch, the first base hit and the first run for the home team. And there's an eager expectancy as you size up the talent, look over the new players and weigh the chances of your team in the brand-new pennant race.

This year, the Racine Belles will open at Kenosha and they will share with the Comets the honor of inaugurating a brand-new ball park. Comet officials have long been convinced that a switch from the chilly confines of Lakefront Stadium will greatly enhance the fortunes and finances of their club. And they have been busy all winter and spring preparing the new home of the Comets.

The new park is located on the site of old Simmons Field, well known to sports fans from bygone days. It is located on Sheridan Road on the south side of Kenosha and Racine fans can reach it conveniently by Highway 42, which takes them right to the gate.

A new playing field, all new stands and seating and a brand-new lighting plant will make this one of the finest stadia in the league and a swell place to see a ball game. Many rabid fans attend the games at Kenosha all season when the Belles are away. But especially on May 9, when the Belles open their 1948 campaign at the new Kenosha park, it is estimated that hundreds of fans from our fair city will attend. It will be an afternoon game.

Then, we'll do it all over again at home on Wednesday, May 12, when the South Bend Blue Sox open a four-game series which will launch the 1948 season at Horlick Field. Opening Night will be something for every fan to behold. Hutch and Jo, Sophie and Edie and the whole gang will be there, with a number of new and interesting faces in the Belles line-up, all led by the smiling Irishman, Leo the Murph.

Let's set a good example for the Belles by going right after that Opening Day Attendance Trophy, which is won by the fans in the home city, who give their team the biggest greeting. Racine won that piece of silverware a couple of years ago. We dood it before and we can dood it again. So, we'll be seeing you on the evening of May 12 at Horlick Field.



JOANNE WINTER
. . . and she the first strike?

Here Are The Belles!

A flash from Florida following the official allocation meeting gives us the roster of the 1948 Belles. Here are the gals who will wear the "canary" for the old home town this year:

Infielders:
Marnie Danhauser, Sophie Kurys, Maddy English, Betty Trezza.

Outfielders:
Edie Perlick, Phil Francisco, Eleanor Dapkus.

Catchers:
Irene Hickson, Jennie Romatowski, Betty Jamieson.

Pitchers:
Anna May Hutchison, Joanne Winter, Irene Kotowicz, Laurie Lee.

Reserves:
Mary Kimball, Georgette Vincent, Virginia Tezak, Gerry Bureker.

Phil Francisco is a three-year player and former regular outfielder with Grand Rapids. She had a good year in 1946 and she gives the Belles line-up a much needed left hand hitter. Jennie Romatowski was first string catcher for Rockford last season and caught 80 games. She is the best addition to the Belles' catching staff in several years. Irene Kotowicz was a regular outfielder for Rockford and Fort Wayne before she turned to pitching. She is a capable all-around player and is just about ready to produce as a winner.

The team looks solid, if the hitters come through. So let's get behind the Belles from the start. The gals need your encouragement and help—on Opening Day and every day!

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Yes, indeedy, folks—we thank you one and all for the very warm reception tendered the first edition of THE RACINE BELLE. Lots of folks responded to our suggestion that they get their name on the mailing list to receive all the news and information about the Belles and many hundreds have gone out of their way to pass along a little word of praise and encouragement for our effort. Well, that's the way we want it to be and we have every hope, if our mailing list attains the proper proportions and if we can find ways and means (that means do-re-me) to continue publication, that we will be able to come at you with this here little bag of wind every month or so through the livelong year. So pass the word along, friends and neighbors, and let's get that mailing list so big that someone will just naturally have to see to it that THE RACINE BELLE rings the bell at every home in the old home town.

What's the Score?

Last edition we told you we would give you a preview on the new 1948 score card which you fans will receive for absolutely FREE at every ball game during the coming season. Well, when something comes for FREE, it is bound to be cheap at half the price, but leave us tell you, this here score card is really going to represent "something for nothing." It is an eight pager, no less, with an attractive, colorful cover as in years gone by. And sprinkled strategically amongst its pages will be the line-ups, rosters and numbers of all players with every one of the ten teams in the league. In the center spread of two pages will be a handsome and spacious ruled score card on which you can tabulate the scoring details of every game. It's really going to be one of the finest score cards we have ever seen in any ball park—and all for the price of nothing!

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BLACK SPOTS

Here's some news, hot off the girdle . . . and I do mean girdle on account of we didn't get to go to training camp with the girls this year. . . . However, Leo the Murph and Millie the Willie have been keeping us posted. . . . AAGBL experts are very high on the possibilities of two rookies from Toronto, Canada . . . June Schofield, 21 years old, a third baseman with a lusty batting average of .338 last year, is hailed as having the best throwing arm of any girl to flash spikes north of the border. . . . That's saying something when you consider that she comes from the same circles as Terrie Davis, who was a real flash in the early days of the AAGBL and who still holds the all-time league batting mark for one season, .332. . . . Barbara Barbaze, 23-year-old veteran of three league championship teams in Toronto, veteran of the Canadian Women's Army Corps and a great basketball and softball player, is another highly touted Canuck prospect. . . . They'll join the many current and former stars of the game who have hailed from the Dominion of Canada, such as Dodie Barr, Helen Nicol Fox, Olive Little, Helen and Marg Callaghan, Bonnie Baker, Audrey Haine, Terry Donahue, Lee Surkowski, Dottie Ferguson, Daisy Junor, Arlene Johnson, Evelyn Warwyshyn and others. . . . Talking about throwing arms, here's a lesson for the younger fry who aspire to big time girls' baseball . . . out of 400 prospects in the tryout schools conducted by the League in Los Angeles, Denver, Chicago, Allentown and New York, only 32 were good enough to make the spring training grade . . . the best crop came from Chicago where 15 were signed and 11 looked like a cinch to stick. . . . Johnny Rawlings, manager of Grand Rapids, who conducted the tryout schools, says this: "The kids must learn to throw the ball overhand because in this game the ball has to get there in a hurry." . . . At that, almost 250 girls were considered good enough to take to spring training this year and approximately 180 of them will end up with jobs. . . . Dutch Lohr, groundskeeper at Peoria, was loaned to the league to get the spring diamonds in shape at Opa Locka, Florida. . . . Nice work, if you can get it. . . . Some of the newspaper scribes also made the trip south to pipe the news to the home folks, including Eddie McKenna of Kenosha, who does a swell job of sports editing in our neighboring city . . . Interest in the AAGBL game has grown so rapidly during the past year that more than 100 additions have been made to the publicity mailing list. . . . During spring training there were 360 outlets for news from the camp. . . . Fox Movietone Newsreels and other photographic outlets were on the job. . . . And speaking of publicity, we see the April issue of ASHLAR, a boys' magazine, features an article on girls' baseball by yours truly. . . . It's titled "Belles of Baseball" and gives another fair plug to our fair city. . . . Ruth P. Waca, graduate nurse who was cited by the Navy during the war, is the new chaperone at Peoria . . . and another new chaperone at Fort Wayne is Miss Geraldine Rueber. . . . Springfield tells us that the chaperone for the Sallies will be Mary Rudis, who has excelled at almost every sport, has been an all-star in softball and basketball and owns trophies and medals for swimming, diving, golf and bowling. . . . Dave Bancroft, manager of the Chicago Colleens and one of the greatest major league shortstops of all time, is a resident of Superior, Wisconsin. . . . He picked several budding young stars from near his home town for spring training and predicts that at least three of them will be outstanding players. . . . The management of the Colleens has installed a new $50,000 lighting plant at Shewbridge Field as evidence of its enthusiasm for acceptance in the All-American Girls' Baseball League. . . . It is reported that television is a distinct possibility at many of the Colleens' home games this summer. . . . And strictly on the hush-hush and don't breathe it to a soul, a Milwaukee outlet has been giving more than passing consideration to the possibility of televising some games from Horlick Field. . . . Lennie Zintak, an experienced tutor on the fundamentals of baseball, formerly with the Chicago Park Board, has been schooling more than forty girls all winter for the four-team semi-pro league which will be operated by the AAGBL in Chicago. . . . It will be a farm league and proving ground for the AAGBL and it will be possible for AAGBL teams to farm certain players out for further seasoning if they wish. . . . This Chicago league and other junior leagues that are springing up at various points make things look brighter than ever before for the development of sufficient talent to keep all club rosters supplied with capable personnel and reserve strength. . . . Another year or two will tell the story. . . . Norris (Gadget) Ward, who is a referee in the National Pro Basketball League, will be back in the AAGBL as umpire-in-chief this summer. . . . His staff will include veterans Al Leow, Al Chapman, Lou Rymkus, Chuck Ringenberg, Stan Batwinski, Al Gembler, Barney Zoss, Remo Giacinti and Milt Fuhst. . . . The latter two are Racine residents and will see at least some service. . . . Don Brown, Burdell Smith, W. F. Creamer, Eugene Runser and Morton Lindgren are new members of the staff. . . . Conspicuous by his absence will be George Johnson, former chief of staff, who has been ordered by his physician to give up officiating. . . . If he expected to absorb any more haymakers like the one which Tex Lessing hung on him in last year's playoff, he doesn't need any M. D. to tell him it ain't healthy. . . . Lou Rymkus is the meaty behemoth who plays a lot of tackle for the Cleveland Browns, champions of the All-American Conference. . . . Best picture last season was that of 5-foot Shoo Shoo Wirth staring the 6-foot 5-inch Mr. Rymkus squarely in the stomach after a called third strike.



SOPHIE

Leading the parade of former stars who will remain on the roster of the Belles this season is Sophie Mary Kurys, stellar second sacker, Player of the Year in 1946 and twice chosen for the league All-Star team. Sophie is reported to have suffered from a slightly sore arm in spring training and has been used sparingly in exhibition tilts. However, she can always be counted upon to play ball with a vengeance when the chips are down. She has led the league four successive years in stolen bases and two successive years in runs scored. She holds all-time league records in these departments. It is safe to say, as long as Sophie is around, that runs will be scored for the home team. In five years, she has played 552 league games for the Belles and stolen a total of 668 bases. Watch her perform in 1948!

COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS . . .



Li'l Audrey Is Big Noise

When the Racine Belles open their 1948 season at Kenosha's new ball park with a series on May 9, 10, 11 and again when the Comets make their first appearance at Horlick Field on May 16, 17, 18, Racine fans will have another chance to study the all-around ability and agility of a young lady by the name of Audrey Wagner, who is the pride and joy of our neighboring community to the south and quite some pumpkins in the annals of the All-American Girls Baseball League.

Audrey was born in Bensenville, Illinois, and although she is now only 20 years of age, she is starting her sixth year as a regular in the Comets outfield. She has been a leading slugger from the start, but her 1948 season was by all odds her very best, when she combined her vaunted power with great consistency to cop almost every league batting honor in the book.

She batted only one percentage point behind the league champion with a fine mark of .305 and from there on it was all li'l Audrey. She led in total hits with 119, extra base hits 41, doubles 25, home runs 7, runs-batted-in 53, and total advanced bases 295. Her extra-base blows and doubles rang up new all-time league records.

Our guess on the secret of Audrey's new consistency—practice. We've seen her stand at the plate by the hour while all and sundry fire baseballs in her direction. She batted only .230, .189 and .198 in her first three years but in the last two practice has paid off and she sports a two-year average of .293. Now, she must be classed as the most dangerous gal in the league with a bat on her shoulder. She easily won a place on the 1947 All-Star team and her potent all-around play will be something to watch when the Belles and Comets tangle in their May engagements. See li'l Audrey on May 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18. The May 17 date at Horlick Field is a doubleheader.

Sad losses to the Belles' roster were pitcher Dodie Barr and shortstop Pepper Paire. Both had many friends in Racine and most fans will be sorry to see them go. But they were both too good to be passed up by other teams. Dodie will be a leading pitcher for the Springfield Sallies and Pepper is slated to play third for Grand Rapids. Sarah Lonetto is assigned to the Muskegon Lassies. Trolly Metrolis went to South Bend. When they visit Racine, let's be out there to give them a cheer.



Shoo Shoo "Wirth" Seeing

A real baseball attraction, in spite of her diminutive size, is little Shoo Shoo Wirth of the South Bend Blue Sox, who will open the home season at Horlick Field on May 12, 13, 14, 15. And even though she is just a mighty little mite, the aggressive and spunky gal from Tampa, Florida, will be making a comeback try with the opening of the 1948 season.

Shoo Shoo, whose real name is Senaida, came to the baseball wars in 1946 and immediately established herself as a star at the shortstop position, so much so that she was acclaimed the All-Star shortstop in her freshman year in the league. She was well up among the league's batters, fielded her position with accuracy and zeal and proved herself a small streak of lightning on the bases.

The little flash, of Spanish parentage, was a big hit on the 1947 spring training maneuvers in Havana, where her fluency with the language made her interpreter at large between the press, radio and officialdom of Cuba.

In mid-season of 1947, an unfortunate accident while sliding into second base at Horlick Field, fractured one of the chunky speedster's limbs and after a trip to St. Mary's Hospital, she spent the balance of the season on crutches. But the Wirth spirit was not dimmed and the little gamester was back playing ball and getting her underpinning into shape during the past winter. Observers tell us that she is back in tip-top form and raring to go for her best season yet in big-time ball. She will have a lot to do with the resurgence of the Sox in the 1948 pennant race and Racine fans will have an opportunity to welcome her dashing play back into the league when the Sox appear here on May 12.

The acquirement of Irene Kotowicz gives manager Murph the possibility of a neat pitching-outfield switch this season. Both Eleanor Dapkus and Irene are long experienced outfielders and both can hit when in their best form. At the same time, both look very promising as pitchers and will be seen on the hill frequently in the 1948 season. The combination adds great versatility and insurance to the Belles' line-up.



Comes the Kammie-Kaze

Kamikaze was a deliberate suicide dive in Jap warfare tactics. But the Rockford Peaches have a Kammie-kaze all their own. Many an opposing pitcher has found it suicide to groove the ball in a tight spot to a certain young lady by the name of Kammie Kamenshek. Because, when Kammie swings that bat it might well be "Good-by ball game." The Belles still remember their last taste of the "Kammie-kaze" in the final series with Rockford last year while the locals were still battling for a crack at the league crown. In two vital spots in one ball game, although she is a left-hand hitter, Kammie drilled long home runs into deep left center field.

The Cincinnati miss is regarded by most experts as the best all-around player in girls' baseball today. She has been playing with the Rockford Peaches for six years, switching in her first year from the outfield to first base, where her smooth and snappy fielding, excellent throwing and extremely heady play have won the plaudits of the crowd wherever she has appeared. At Havana, Cuba, in the spring of 1947, the rabid fans gave evidence that they would pay the price of admission just to watch her perform in infield practice. Just watch that gal handle herself out there when the Peaches invade Racine for a series on May 25, 26, 27, 28.

Kammie holds the highest league batting mark for five years of play with .285, and is the only player to bat over the .300 mark in two successive seasons. She is a two-time batting champion with .316 in 1946 and .306 in 1947. She holds the league record for most times at bat and most hits in one season. And she has twice been named as first sacker on the league All-Star team. Fans who catch the Rockford series in May will be watching one of the greatest girl athletes of all time perform on a team that is always tough as long as "Kammie" is around.

Absence of Anna May Hutchison from early exhibition games is explained by reports of a slightly ailing arm and manager Murph has been taking no chances with his ace hurler. The Louisville red-head should be ready to do her stuff when the games start to count.

Juniors Play Ball

In addition to its own Junior Girls' League, it has been announced that the Racine Belles will sponsor several boys' baseball teams which will participate in the City Recreation Leagues this summer. Thus, fans of the Belles, through their loyalty and support, are making possible the continuance of healthful recreation and sports programs for both the boys and girls of Racine.

Candidates for the Junior Girls' League answered the call for spring training on April 17 well over one hundred strong and have already been hard at work under the watchful eyes of the members of the board of strategy. Headed by Leo Murphy, the four managers have been responsible for picking the teams and coaching and training the junior girls throughout the season.

A special diamond and playing field has been assigned exclusively to the Junior Girls' League by the Board of Education and all practice and training exercises, as well as a number of the regular league games, will be played at the Washington Park bowl on the west diamond, back of Washington Park High School.

The four teams will be known as the Greys, Greens, Golds and Scarlets and will be easily recognized as such by their colorful uniforms. The junior girls' outfits are patterned after those of the AAGBL players, with one-piece suits, regular sliding pants, belts, stockings and caps. Caps and socks throughout the league will be dark green, as will the attractive sweater coat furnished to each girl. Each uniform will carry a standard emblem, as will the pocket of the sweater, reading: "Racine Belles Junior Girls' League." Players have been asked to furnish their own shoes and gloves. Bats, balls and other similar equipment, of course, is furnished.

The first league games are scheduled for the Bowl on Memorial Day and it is expected that the first game will be played at Horlick Field about June 15. Many of the games thereafter will be played at Horlick Field as preliminary contests to the Belles regular AAGBL engagements. The team managers are Herb Hoppe, LeRoy Wood, Pete Neidhart and Roscoe Anderson, all of them well known to Racine fans as former baseball stars and all-around athletes.

The object of the Junior Girls' League is primarily the same as last year, to provide a healthful sports outlet for scores of our teen-aged girls and to assure interesting entertainment for Racine youth through the summer season. It is not a prime object to develop future professional girl ball players but for those who may show the exceptional talent and ambition to attain the major league ranks, the Junior Girls' League may prove the necessary stepping stone. Meanwhile, the Junior Girls will be playing with better and more complete equipment, under better supervision, organization and environment than ever before.

Regular league umpires have been engaged for the season in the persons of Russ Rebholz and Phil Krause, athletic coaches at Horlick and Washington Park High Schools respectively. The league is really going to be big-time in organization and operation and we hope large numbers of fans will be out to give the "little" gals a "big" hand.



Here is the Board of Strategy hard at work on plans for the Racine Belles Junior Girls League. Left to right: Business Manager William Priaulx, Pete Neidhart, Leo Murphy, LeRoy Wood and Herb Hoppe. Roscoe Anderson, the fourth league manager, was missing when this picture was taken—but he's on the job!

Meet the Managers

It has been the long-time policy of the AAGBL to engage the best possible qualified baseball men to manage its teams. The 1948 season will see the greatest array of well-known managerial names ever combined in one circuit, with several new additions that lend prestige and quality to the brain trust.

Leading the Racine Belles, of course, will be Leo Murphy, former big league backstop with Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. At Kenosha, it will be D. C. (Chet) Grant, a former Michigan-Ontario League player, former backfield coach at Notre Dame, who led the South Bend Blue Sox to play-off berths in 1946-1947. Leader of the Grand Rapids Chicks will be Johnny Rawlings, peppery second baseman with the New York Giants in their pennant-winning days. Bill Wamby, former infielder with Cleveland, Washington and Philadelphia, who executed the only unassisted triple play in World Series history, will again pilot the championship Muskegon Lassies. At Peoria, it will be Leo Schrall, a former Three-I League player and successful manager who led the Redwings to such a strong finish last year. Bill Allington, well known to AAGBL fans as one of the smartest in girls' pro ball will be back at the helm of the Rockford Peaches after an absence of one year. At South Bend, the Blue Sox fans will welcome back Marty McManus, a former famous major league infielder and manager, who managed both Kenosha and South Bend in earlier league years. Fort Wayne will have another former major leaguer in the person of Dick Bass. At Chicago, the Colleens will be under the tutelage of famous Dave Bancroft, one of the finest of major league shortstops with the New York Giants when they were World Champs. And at Springfield, it will be Carson Bigbee, who once roamed the Pittsburgh outfield with Max Carey and Billy Southworth and proved himself one of the heroes of the 1925 World Series.

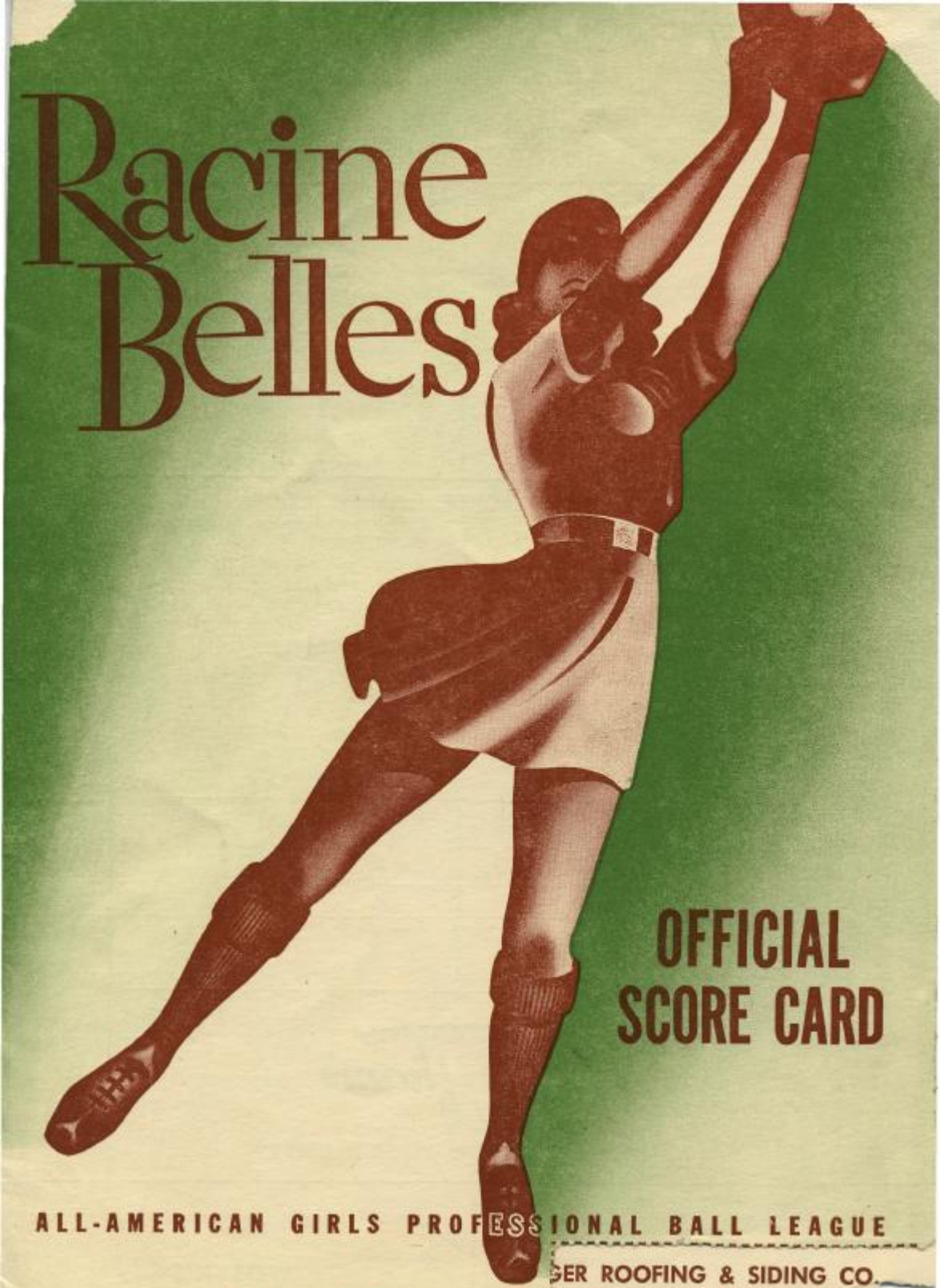
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Right on Schedule

We hope all youse fans were able to latch onto one of those new pocket schedules of the Racine Belles. This is a nifty little number which serves as a business card for Bill Priaulx and carries a neat little ad for Tom McQueen, Racine insurance impressario and red-hot Belles fan. On the inside fold is a complete schedule of all the games of the Racine Belles, at home and away. It's quick and convenient-like and can be carried around in the vest pocket, in a billfold or a pocketbook for ready reference. They're available here and there around town, if they haven't all been gobbled up, so look for one. A similar complete schedule will be included in the 1948 YEAR BOOK which will be distributed free to all fans at one of the May games, date to be announced later.

All future editions of THE RACINE BELLE can be obtained by mail only. If you have not already done so, get your name and address on the mailing list of the Racine Belles. You will receive all news free and without obligation. Do it today!

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