

Clinton Freshmen 0 0 1 0 1 2 0 0 0 — 4 11 3

Batteries — Miss Demerest and Joe Wall; Walsh and Williams.

1920

Philadelphia Inquirer, June 11, 1920

“Marshall E. Smith defeated the Bloomer Girls of New York yesterday in a twilight game by 7-3.”

Philadelphia Inquirer, July 6, 1920

New York Bloomer Girls Beaten by Bridesburg A.A.

“Bridesburg A.A. defeated the Bloomer Girls 16-2 [*sic*] before 8000 people. “

Bridesburg A.A.

	r	h	o	a	e
Mann, 2b	3	2	0	2	0
Shouldt, 1b	1	1	0	0	0
Cleary, lf	3	3	14	0	0
Butts, c	0	1	1	2	0
Keenan, rf	0	3	0	0	0
Moser, cf	0	1	1	0	0
Diamond, 3b	3	4	2	3	0
Comfort, ss	1	4	0	2	0
Hoffman, p	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Totals 16 24 27 7 0

N.Y. B. Girls

	r	h	o	a	e
P'kers, 2b	0	1	0	1	1
Andres, 3b	1	1	1	2	0
Friss, 1b	0	1	10	0	1
Gilroy, lf	0	0	1	0	0
Thorpe, ss	0	0	2	3	0
D'risk, rf	0	0	1	0	0
Roth, cf	0	1	2	0	0
Magee, c	2	2	6	0	0
Ustalfi, p	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>

Totals 3 7 24 7 2

Bridesburg A.A.	2	0	3	0	0	4	4	3	x	—	16
N.Y. Bloomer Girls	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	—	3

The Gilroy who played left for New York was probably Mary Gilroy, who played for a factory team in Philadelphia, the Fleisher Bloomer Girls.

1921

Probably *Staten Island Advance*, April 27 or 28, 1921

**New York
Bloomer Girls**

**Champion Female Baseball
Players of the World with
Toots Andres, the Babe Ruth
of the team; Stella Friss and
other stars to play**

Tappen Post

**Sunday, May 1st at 3 o'clock
at East Shore Oval
Stapleton**

Staten Island Advance, April 30, 1921

**TAPPEN POST NINE TO PLAY
N.Y. BLOOMER GIRLS TOMORROW**

East Shore Oval promises to be the scene of considerable excitement and interest tomorrow afternoon when the Tappen Post baseball team hooks up with the New York Bloomer Girls, acknowledged champion female athletes of the East.

Says the Girls' manager, Margaret Nabel of Stapleton, "We have already stowed away two fine games this season, having played at Wilmington, Del., two weeks ago and at Vernon Oval in Bay Ridge two weeks ago Sunday. Although we lost both games by a 6 to 3 score, our girls put up splendid games in both places and we were highly complimenting [*sic*] on the showing made.

“Our last appearance on Staten Island was in 1919, when we played the Downey Inter-departmental team at Sisco Park, and it will be remembered that we led the Downey’s a merry chase before they finally beat us out in an interesting game by a 12 to 9 tally. Since that time, we have played a great many games. Last season, for instance, we covered a total of 3500 miles in our 32 games played, in various parts of the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland, Vermont, and at Montreal, Canada. In 25 of these games we established records for attendance and receipts, and did not fail to give satisfaction in any of the games played.

“We have met many strong semi-pro teams, such as the Baltimore Dry Docks team, the same collection of stars which trounced both the Assumption Caseys and the Downey Shipyard nines last Fall at Sisco Park. We played the Dry Docks twice last year, one game at Coatesville, Pa., and we made such a splendid showing that we were taken to the International League Grounds at Baltimore and drew the biggest crowd of paid patrons that had ever been to any game between semi-pro teams in Baltimore. The game was full of thrills and ‘pep’ and the Dry Docks handed up a 9 to 8 trimming, much to our regret. However, we understand that they usually won about 9 out of every 10 games they played, so it really was not such a bad showing, was it?

“The team is practically the same as that which played at Sisco Park against the Downeys, excepting in a few positions: Stella Friss is on first base. Rose Kane at second, Toots Andres at short and Rose Roth at the far corner. Helen Demarest, a Stapleton girl, by the way, will be in left. Roselyn Pelsner in center, and Betty Gaber in right field. We use a male battery exclusively, as we feel that no female player can do justice to the pitcher’s burden, and you will agree that the catching job belongs to a man, too.

“Our star is Stella Friss, captain and infielder extraordinary. Stella will show Staten Island fans how far women have really advanced in the realm of sport for she can knock the apple a mile and plays the initial bag a la Hal Chase when that once superlative player was in his prime. Toots Andres at short, is probably a more finished infielder than Stella, and her delight is to grab a hot liner without the quiver of an eyelash, even using her ungloved hand if the occasion demands. Her ability to scoop ‘em up and get her man at first will delight the fans, and we predict that on more than one occasion Toots will get her share of the applause [*sic*] for fine plays made.

“We are booked six weeks ahead, having games at Metuchen, Bayonne and Ridgewood in New Jersey; Wayne, Easton, Catasauqua, York and Philadelphia Pa; College Point, L.I.; two games at Baltimore, Md., and are working on an extensive tour through Pennsylvania, especially in the vicinity

of Pittsburgh and probably in a few of the towns in Ohio bordering on Pennsylvania.

“We are out to win our games, just the same as any other team, but if we happen to lose on Sunday we feel sure that the Tappen Post team will know it has been in a real game before we finish with them.”

East Shore Oval is being put into first class playing shape for tomorrow's game and an attempt will be made to have seating arrangements ready. The Post is endeavoring to put baseball on a firm footing in Stapleton, and all members are hard at work bosting [*sic*] their favorite team.

Staten Island Advance, June 18, 1921

Added strength to the Tappen Post outfit tomorrow will be seen in Eddie Manning, one of the best second basemen ever developed on Staten Island. Eddie has been taken on in the capacity of coach and while it is not certain that he will play himself, his presence on the bench as head coach will add much to the Tappen Post forces. Few wiser heads every played on Staten Island than the old Alaska and Sisco star.

Philadelphia Inquirer, August 5, 1921

BLOOMER GIRLS BEATEN
Jack Himes' Old Timers Defeat Lassies
by 9 to 5 Score

Jack Himes Old-Timers defeated the Quaker City Bloomer Girls, 9 to 5. A large crowd turned out to see the game, including quite a few of the fair sex., who rooted hard for the girls.

Miss Gilroy covered first base as good as her big brother and short stop Miss Jaegers covered herself with glory with her many good stops and throws.

Playing for the Old-Timers were: Murphy, Willsman, Peltz, Shafer, Borns, Short, Wakeley, Walsh, Simons, and Hol. Playing for the “City Girls” were: Russell, Jaegers, Stafford, Weaton, Conway, Knies'r, Wilson, Gilroy, Daly, Miller, and McBride.

Baltimore Afro-American, August 12, 1921

GIRL NINES PLAY BALL
The Black Sox Bloomers Lose To
Excelsior Girls of Sparrows Point
17 to 14
ENDS IN PROTEST
Hostilities To Be Resumed
Thursday at Black Sox Park

What turned out to be a real baseball game was staged at Druid HHI Park last Thursday afternoon when the Black Sox Bloomer Girls defeated the Excelsior Girls of Sparrows Point 17-14. In addition to the large number of Sparrows Point and Bloomer Girls rooters, a large number of spectators were on hand. The smile on the faces of many of the disinterested onlookers showed that they were of the impression that the game would be a joke, but before it ended they had been agreeably surprised.

It was the first contest of the season for the Black Sox Bloomer Girls, while their opponents have been playing for about a month.

In the 9th inning the Bloomer Girls brought the spectators to their feet. The first batter up hit a hot grounder to short which Miss Johnson grabbed and threw the batter out several feet from the bag. The next batter met one of Miss Taylor's outshoots on the nose and it started for centerfield. It only started — Miss Taylor took it right off the bat. She was given a rousing cheer. The third batter was thrown out at first by Miss Johnson in the same snappy manner that she had tossed out the first batter.

In their half of the 9th the Bloomer Girls went on a batting rampage and slamming the pellet all over the lot in such fashion that although they had come up in this inning trailing the visitors 12 to 17, before the latter were aware of what had taken place, two runners had crossed the home plate and two were on base waiting for just a half-chance to do likewise. It was at this point that the visiting team protested a decision of umpire Greyer's and the game ended with both sides arguing the point. The teams will meet in another game at Westport Ball Park next Thursday (Aug. 18th) and settle the question of superiority.

I received articles on the Black Sox after Women at Play was published. A box score follows the above article, but my microfilm photocopy is too smudged to read.

Baltimore Afro-American, August 19, 1921

S.P. Bloomer Girls

Win Another Game

Sparrows Point, MD. AUG. 17 —On last Saturday the Excelsior Bloomer Girls of Sparrows Point smothered the Oak Dale Bloomer Girls of North Point, Md., 25 to 5, before a large crowd of enthusiastic spectators.

The Score.

Oak Dale G.				Excelsior G.			
	Ab	r	h		Ab	r	h
Redd, ss	6	0	2	Waters	7	4	4
Snord'n, 2b	6	1	3	Winston	7	4	2
Buril, cf	6	0	0	U. Wilson	7	2	4
Locky, 3b	5	0	0	P. Wilson	6	2	2
Burwell, rf	5	0	0	Brooks	6	2	2
Redd, c	5	0	0	L. Jones	6	3	4
Wallace, lf	5	2	1	Brown	6	1	2
Parker, 1b	5	1	2	O. Wilson	6	4	2
Gregory, p	5	2	1	F. Foster	6	2	1
Totals	48	5	9	Totals	58	25	25

SCORE BY INNING

Excelsior Girls.	4	3	3	3	1	3	2	4	2	—	25
Oak Dale Girls	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	—	5

Two base hits — Everybody on Excelsior, Snordum, Redd, Licky. Sacrifice — F. Winston, 2; O. Wilson, 3. Home Runs — L. Jones, 2; Foster, 1; C. Harris, 1. Base on balls — Winton, Brooks, Foster, U. Wilson. Stolen bases — Winston, Wilson, Wilson, Wilson, Waters. Strikeout — G. Jones, 17; S. Gregory, 4. Umpire — Harris and Johnson.

Baltimore Afro-American, September 9, 1921

GIRLS NINES FIGHT

ANOTHER CLOSE BATTLE

Black Sox Bloomer Girls Defeat

Excelsior Girls of Sparrows Point

The Black Sox Bloomer Girls journeyed to Sparrows Point last Thursday and defeated the Excelsior Girls of that place 32-31 in another sizzling contest: the third which these teams have engaged in this season.

It was plain from the outset that the visitors were suffering from stage fright, this being their first trip away from home. How much so may be gathered from the fact that at the end of the 5th inning the Black Sox Girls were trailing the Excelsior Girls 8-25. But when this fright had worn off the B.S. Girls got busy, and when the game ended they had forged out on the long end by one tally.

The features of the game were the batting of Miss Clarke and a triple play by the Misses Forster, Marshall and Johnson.

Two new players have been added to the Black Sox Girls' team, namely: Miss M. Crockerall who will play 1st base and Miss F. Williams who will chase flies in the left garden.

On the 15th of this month these teams will head up once more at Maryland Park, Westport.

The microfilm photocopies of the articles from the Baltimore Afro-American were difficult to read. They contain box scores, but I couldn't decipher some of them. If you are researching the names of the players or the statistics of the game, you should request the microfilm itself.

1922

Staten Island Advance, May 11, 1922

Downey Baseball Team Will Play Host to Bloomer Girls This Sunday

This article reports that a double header would be played, the 3:00 game featuring the New York Bloomer Girls vs. the Downeys, with the Bronx Lodge of Elks vs. the Staten Island Elks scheduled for 4:00.

The article goes on to say that on the previous Sunday the New York Bloomer Girls opened up a new ball park at South Norwalk and drew a capacity crowd. In the last three seasons, they have played north as far as Montreal and south as far as Richmond, VA.

“Miss Friss is the female Babe Ruth and she certainly can clout the ball. Last Sunday in South Norwalk Stella got three hits, a single, a two-bagger and a triple. She often hits for the circuit. The Girls have a male battery and have a good pitcher in Bob Mullin.”

Staten Island Advance, May 15, 1922

Tom Shehan's Downeys added the New York Bloomer Girls to their list of victims by defeating them in the first game at Sisco park yesterday afternoon by the score of 8 to 1.

The Girls' team has a male battery and short stop. Mullen fanned 7 Downeymen while Allie Van Pelt turned back eight of his opponents after three swings at the air. The Downeys started scoring and got six runs in the fourth. Van Pelt got a life on an error. Lunny walked. Roe doubled, scoring Van Pelt and Lunny. Mullusky singled and Clark doubled, scoring Roe and Mullusky. Thompson singled, scoring Clark. Ruggles fanned. Olsen singled, scoring Thompson; Grosjean walked but Van Pelt, up for the second time this inning hit into a double play.

In the fifth the Sheehanites added two runs on four free passes, a passed ball and two base robberies.

The Bloomer Girls scored their only tally in the fifth when Corcoran got a life on an error, Nabel singled and Van Pelt hit Engrant, filling the bases. Mullen fanned; Paton walked, forcing in one run. Demarest fanned, ending the inning.

Nabel and Corcoran were the only ones who got hits on the Girls team.

The score by inning:

Bloomer Girls.	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	—	1
Downeys	0	0	0	6	2	0	x	—	8

Unknown Source, August 9, 1922

BLOOMER GIRLS BAT OUT 6 TO 4 VICTORY
Broomall Damsels Spank Boy Friends,
Winning Out in Last Inning

Media, Pa. July 8 — Broomall Bloomer Girls, succeeded in beating the Broomall Club, at Broomall today by the score of 6 to 4. The game was a part of the Fourth of July programme, which was postponed on account of rain.

The game was preceded by field sports for the young folks, but the ball game between the young men and girls was the main attraction.

The game was featured by the pitching of Miss Hannah Watson, and the batting by Mrs. Howard Everett and Pauline Culbertson.

A box score accompanies the above article, but it's too smudged to read.

Although I don't know the source or dates of the items below, my guess is that the first three games occurred in 1922. Edith Houghton, whom the items report as being 10 years old, was born in 1912, so she would have been ten in 1922.

Unknown Source

The Philadelphia Bobbies played a 9-inning game against the Morton Bloomer Girls. The pitcher, Miss Russell, fanned 17 batters in six innings. Edith Houghton was 10 years old.

Unknown Source

INDIANS WIN FARCE

Locals Take Comedy Game from Female Team at Rossmere, 17-15

This article reports that a game between the Philadelphia Bobbies and the Lancaster Indians went only 7 innings. Despite being required to bat left-handed, the Indians collected 20 hits, many of them extra-baggers. The Bobbies collected 13 hits. "Little Miss Houghton, the 10-year-old phenom, covered plenty of ground at shortstop for the visitors and made herself a favorite with the fans by her splendid fielding and ability at the bat."

Unknown Source, Jenkinton

The article reports that the Bobbies lost a close one to Jenkintown, 9-8, with a big crowd attending. Agnes Forrest hit a homer, a double, and two singles in four trips to the plate. Houghton, 10 years old, had seven chances, one error.

Unknown Source, Baltimore, July 27

BOBBIES BEATEN

This item reports that 6,000 fans saw the Tincum Bloomer Girls defeat the Bobbies, 24-11.