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Ruth Born AAGPBL Collection

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Scope and Content Note: The Ruth Born AAGPBL Collection consists of newsletters of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL), correspondence, and a few newspaper clippings pertaining to the players or AAGPBL Players Association of which Ms. Born was a member. Ruth Born was a right-handed pitcher for the South Bend Blue Sox in the inaugural season of 1943. She finished the season and her career with a 4-5 record, a 3.59 Era, 1.61 WHIP, and 6Ks and 47 walks in 67 innings pitched.

Related Collection: Jean Faut Collection, Accession 1369; Elizabeth B. Mahon Papers, Accession 1215; Elizabeth B. Mahon Papers, Accession 1385, M686(741); All American Girls Professional Baseball League Home Movies, 1385, M686 (741); AAGPBL Collection Accession 1389

Transfer of Items: None
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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

RUTH BORN

Born August 8, 1925 in Bay City Michigan Ruth was a member of the original South Bend Blue Sox and played the inaugural season. At age 12 she started to play softball at school and in park leagues. Then, at 13 she joined a Moose Lodge team. She spotted an advertisement about the new league and wrote their office. She was given a tryout in South Bend after the season had already started and was accepted on to the team. Born pitched in 11 games during the season, but quit after her first year and went to college. She received her Bachelor’s degree from Valparaiso University and her Master’s degree from Loyola University. She then went to work for the federal government in child welfare for 23 years. She retired in 1990 to live in a condo in Valparaiso where she enjoys golfing.*

*Taken from what appears to be a copy from a newsletter for the 1943 South Bend Blue Sox in collection, See Box 2, Folder 8
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