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NEW YORK BLOOMER GIRLS, Inc. *Margaret R. Nabel, Mgr.*
Address - 50 Beach Street, Stapleton, Staten Island, N. Y.



LEFT TO RIGHT--9, Ethel Condon; 8 Dotty Shorter; 2, Toots Andrews; 1, Helen Demarest, Capt.;
3, Mae Knapcsek; 7, "Hack" McCuttun; 6, Elsie Ruhnke; 4, Florrie O'Rourke;
5, Allie Mack; 10, Margaret Nabel, Manager

[Scorecard]: New York Bloomer Girls, Inc. Margaret R. Nebel, Mgr.

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[no date - 1919]

Postcard-size scorecard (5½" x 4½") with a photograph of the team on the recto, and a scorecard on the verso with the Bloomers' players names pre-printed and a place to insert the names of the "Home Team". Modest horizontal crease near the bottom of the card, else near fine. Billed as the "Undefeated Female Baseball Champions of the East since 1910." Of the numerous barnstorming Bloomer Girl baseball teams of the Teens and Twenties, the New York Bloomer Girls under Margaret Nabel were considered one of the strongest. Nabel dispensed with the tradition of using a man to pitch and a man to catch, and her all-girl teams (which here includes such members as pitcher Helen Demerest and "Hack" McCuttun at third) drew in part on the deep local pool of baseball talent of Staten Island. Nabel's team apparently folded sometime between 1933 and 1935; see the online history of the New York Women's Baseball Association and Marilyn Cohen's **No Girls in the Clubhouse: The Exclusion of Women from Baseball** (McFarland, 2009).

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