

*Racine Belles*  
*Before & After Visit Activity Sheets*  
*Racine Heritage Museum*

*Before Your Visit:*

1. Read the book *Dirt on Their Skirts* by Doreen Rappaport and Callan Lyndell to your class.
2. Ask students to watch the movie *A League of Their Own*. During the ending scene at the Hall of Fame, notice the people in the background — many of them are former players of the League.
3. Introduce the students to the name of the teams that began the League: the Rockford Peaches, the Racine Belles, the Kenosha Comets and the South Bend Sox.
4. Have the students research the beginning of the League and its founder Phillip Wrigley. (See attached brochure.)

*After Your Visit:*

1. Have your students share their Museum activities with the class.
2. Have the students research a following Racine Belle: Margarette Danhuser, Eleanor Dapkus, Madeline “Maddy” English, Irene Hickson, Edythe Perlick Keating, Sophie Kurys, Dorothy Maguire or Joanne Winter.
3. Make students aware of the Racine Belles girl fast-pitch softball league of today. Visit [www.racinebelles.org](http://www.racinebelles.org) for further information.

