

# Annotated Bibliography

## Primary Sources:

**“All About Little League's First Girl, Maria Pepe | 2017 MAKERS Conference.”** *YouTube, YouTube*, 4 Apr. 2017, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0qwLh--FaA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0qwLh--FaA).

This video was a speech from Maria, all About Little League's First Girl, at a Makers conference.

**“Hoboken Honors Maria Pepe.”** *YouTube, YouTube*, 16 Apr. 2016, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=99qq2cBoNQg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99qq2cBoNQg)

This Interview informed me about what it's like to play baseball as a girl now. Pepe, a young girl that plays baseball now, and a coach with girls on his team talked about what impact she has made on the sport.

**“Hoboken Little League Memorializes Maria Pepe.”** *YouTube, YouTube*, 17 Apr. 2016, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIp5LXDEpuM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIp5LXDEpuM).

“Hoboken is famous for being the birthplace of baseball, but it should also be known as the birthplace of Maria Pepe.” Mayor Dawn Zimmer said at the beginning of the Hoboken Little League memorial ceremony. The quote from this ceremony made me realize how great of an impact Pepe had made in her hometown.

**Kelleher, Lindsey. “Little League Legend Maria Pepe Honored in Edgewater.”** *North Jersey, North Jersey Record*, 23 Sept. 2018, [www.northjersey.com/story/news/bergen/edgewater/2018/09/23/little-league-legend-maria-pepe-honored-edgewater/1385509002/](http://www.northjersey.com/story/news/bergen/edgewater/2018/09/23/little-league-legend-maria-pepe-honored-edgewater/1385509002/).

Maria was honored in Edgewater, New Jersey. I viewed her making a speech, talking to a League team, and catching a ceremonial pitch from her old coach.

**LaChall, Chris. “Maria Pepe Plays with Members of the Hoboken Little League.”** *NOW-NJ, Aug. 2004*, [nownj.org/njNews/2004/0817%20little\\_league\\_pioneer\\_blazed\\_tra.htm](http://nownj.org/njNews/2004/0817%20little_league_pioneer_blazed_tra.htm).

This picture shows Maria going back to play with a little league team in 2004. I saw how much joy she brought to the young girls on that team.

**“Little League Said Girls Were Too ‘Weak’ to Play Baseball. This Girl Fought Back.”** *YouTube, YouTube*, 24 Aug. 2018, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qp8vdy0ijqk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qp8vdy0ijqk).

I found a group of young girls that are still fighting back against sexism in sports in the present. This helped me realize how big of an issue sexism really is.

**“Maria Pepe: A Bittersweet Victory.” *YouTube, Simple, 18 May 2012,*  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=QztPe6Cy-bU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QztPe6Cy-bU).**

From this interview, I gathered that although Pepe had won the lawsuit and had made many other girls’ dreams come true, she was too old to play baseball. She and her father called it a “Bittersweet Victory”.

**“Maria Pepe: Girls Don't Play Sports.” *YouTube, YouTube, 21 June 2012,*  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGuq1r77-pk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGuq1r77-pk).**

I heard her response to, “Girls should be at home”. I learned her opinions about gender roles.

**Osmanski, Steph. “Maria Pepe Holding a Picture of Her Younger Self.” *Hoboken Girl, 23 Oct. 2018,* [www.hobokengirl.com/maria-pepe-hoboken-little-league-legend/](http://www.hobokengirl.com/maria-pepe-hoboken-little-league-legend/).**

I used this photograph on the analysis page of my website.

**Spiegel, Jan Ellen. “Little League Baseball: Maria Pepe First Girl to Play - AARP Bulletin.” *AARP, 24 June 2009,*  
[www.aarp.org/personal-growth/life-stories/info-06-2009/the\\_woman\\_who\\_changed\\_the\\_face\\_of\\_little\\_league\\_baseball.html](http://www.aarp.org/personal-growth/life-stories/info-06-2009/the_woman_who_changed_the_face_of_little_league_baseball.html).**

This was a transcript of an interview with Pepe. Many of the quotes and answers to questions from her were used on my website.

**“Text of 2003 Little League Baseball Press Release about the 30th Anniversary of Maria Pepe and the 1972-1973 Litigation.” *Hoboken Historical Museum, 2003,*  
[hoboken.pastperfectonline.com/archive/2E256DE5-F2C2-429C-A04A-443071472372](http://hoboken.pastperfectonline.com/archive/2E256DE5-F2C2-429C-A04A-443071472372)**

Newspaper article about the impact Pepe had on the game of baseball. This information helped me to write my analysis paragraph.

**Weiner, Natalie. “Maria Pepe, Center, Waits to Throw out the Opening Pitch at the Little League World Series.” *SBNation, 20 Aug. 2019,*  
[www.sbnation.com/2019/8/20/20812050/maddy-freking-little-league-world-series-history](http://www.sbnation.com/2019/8/20/20812050/maddy-freking-little-league-world-series-history).**

Picture of Maria with two Little League players waiting to throw out the first pitch at a Little League World Series game. I used this picture on my analysis page.

**“Women Who Make America: Maria Pepe.” *PBS, Public Broadcasting Service, 26 June 2012,* [www.pbs.org/video/makers-women-who-make-america-maria-pepe/](http://www.pbs.org/video/makers-women-who-make-america-maria-pepe/).**

Video of Maria talking to interviewers about her accomplishments. I learned how humble she is about what she’s done.

## Secondary Sources:

**Abrams, Douglas E., and J.d. “Youth Sports Hero of the Month: Maria Pepe (Hoboken, New Jersey).” *MomsTeam*, [www.momsteam.com/team-experts/youth-sports-hero-month-maria-pepe-hoboken-new-jersey](http://www.momsteam.com/team-experts/youth-sports-hero-month-maria-pepe-hoboken-new-jersey).**

From this source, I discovered that Maria Pepe was a sports hero of the month. I also gained information about the effect she had on young girls, from quotes by people that look up to her.

**Cretaz, Britni de la. “Maria Pepe: the New Jersey Girl Who Sued to Play Baseball with the Boys.” *The Guardian*, Guardian News and Media, 23 Sept. 2018, [www.theguardian.com/sport/2018/sep/23/maria-pepe-bfa-baseball-series-now](http://www.theguardian.com/sport/2018/sep/23/maria-pepe-bfa-baseball-series-now).**

This was one of the first websites I visited, it helped me gain base information on Pepe’s story. By going through this website, I also found insight into the lawsuit, which became useful on the breaking barriers page on my website.

**Douglas E. Abrams, *The Twelve-Year-Old Girl's Lawsuit That Changed America: The Continuing Impact of Now v. Little League Baseball, Inc.* at 40, 20 Va. J. Soc. Pol'y & L. 241 (2012)**

When I found this source I was in awe because it has so much valuable information on the lawsuit. Most of the in-text citations on my website came from this source.

**Isaacson, Melissa. “The Girls Who Toppled Little League.” *ESPN*, ESPN Internet Ventures, 24 June 2014, [www.espn.com/espnw/news-commentary/small-wonders/story/\\_/id/11127095/small-wonders-meet-girls-toppled-little-league](http://www.espn.com/espnw/news-commentary/small-wonders/story/_/id/11127095/small-wonders-meet-girls-toppled-little-league).**

From this source, I gathered what the people closest to Pepe felt about her story and her success.

**Isaacson, Melissa. “Women Who Broke Little League Barriers to Be Honored.” *ESPN*, 13 Nov. 2003, [www.espn.com/espnw/news-commentary/small-wonders/story/\\_/id/11127095/small-wonders-meet-girls-toppled-little-league](http://www.espn.com/espnw/news-commentary/small-wonders/story/_/id/11127095/small-wonders-meet-girls-toppled-little-league).**

I gathered that there are other women like Pepe who also wanted to play sports, but were stopped because of the fact that they were girls. These women also didn’t back down from their barriers and stood up for what was right.

**Journal, Mark Maurer/The Jersey. “Hoboken City Clerk Jimmy Farina Honored at Council Meeting.” *Nj*, 22 Apr. 2010, [www.nj.com/hobokennow/2010/04/hoboken\\_city\\_clerk\\_jimmy\\_farin.html](http://www.nj.com/hobokennow/2010/04/hoboken_city_clerk_jimmy_farin.html).**

I discovered Jimmy Farina’s accomplishments. This man was the coach of Pepe when she played her 3 Little League games. He also stood up for her against the public.

**McDonagh, Eileen L., and Laura Pappano. *Playing with the Boys: Why Separate Is Not Equal in Sports*. Oxford University Press, 2009.**

By reading “Playing With the Boys” a book about inequality in sports. I learned why separating boys and girls in sports is not equal or fair. I also considered “Playing With the Boys” as a title for my project.

**Osmanski, Steph. “Hoboken Legend Maria Pepe: One of The First Girls to Play Little League Baseball.” *Hobokengirl.com*, 23 Oct. 2018, [www.hobokengirl.com/maria-pepe-hoboken-little-league-legend/](http://www.hobokengirl.com/maria-pepe-hoboken-little-league-legend/).**

I received a quote from Pepe about girls and boys playing together, that was used on my analysis page.

**“Maria Pepe Pitched Three Games in Little League until She Was Kicked off Her Baseball Team Due to Her Gender.” *The Guardian*, 23 Sept. 2018, [www.theguardian.com/sport/2018/sep/23/maria-pepe-bfa-baseball-series-now](http://www.theguardian.com/sport/2018/sep/23/maria-pepe-bfa-baseball-series-now).**

This picture of Maria up to bat was a great visual aid to me. Her facial expression in the picture shows just how strong she was and still is.

**Settimi, Christina. “Before Title IX There Was Maria Pepe Waiting 'His Turn At Bat'.” *Forbes*, Forbes Magazine, 22 May 2014, [www.forbes.com/sites/christinasettimi/2012/06/24/before-title-ix-there-was-maria-pepe/#23ed01c12385](http://www.forbes.com/sites/christinasettimi/2012/06/24/before-title-ix-there-was-maria-pepe/#23ed01c12385).**

I gained information about Pepe’s childhood and her family from this source. The information was used on the barriers page as background information.

**“Sylvia Pressler, Judge Who Opened Little League to Girls, Dies at 75.” *The Washington Post*, WP Company, 18 Feb. 2010, [www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/02/17/AR2010021704932.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/02/17/AR2010021704932.html).**

I discovered an article about Sylvia Pressler, who was the judge who ruled in favor of Pepe in court.

**Wade, Anna. “#Shortstops: Maria Pepe Changes the Face of Little League.” *Baseball Hall of Fame*, [baseballhall.org/discover/short-stops/nothing-little-about-it](http://baseballhall.org/discover/short-stops/nothing-little-about-it).**

In celebration of Women’s History Month, the Hall of Fame presented a series of stories about legendary and pioneering women in baseball, Maria Pepe was one of these women.

**Weber, Bruce. “Judge Sylvia Pressler, Who Opened Little League to Girls, Dies at 75.” *The New York Times*, The New York Times, 17 Feb. 2010, [www.nytimes.com/2010/02/17/nyregion/17pressler.html?scp=1&sq=Judge%2BSylvia%2BPressler&st=cse](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/17/nyregion/17pressler.html?scp=1&sq=Judge%2BSylvia%2BPressler&st=cse).**

This website has more information about Sylvia Pressler, the woman who helped Pepe win the lawsuit.