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Pitcher Rattled

by "Sandy" Story

The Sheppard murder case rambled into the baseball world, jarring the nerves of an Indianapolis pitcher who learned just hours before taking the mound that his wife, Sandra, had been drawn into the investigation.

Right-hander Bob Kelly lasted less than three innings against Columbus after that unsettling news last night. He was blasted for his eighth loss of the season, yielding three walks, four hits and three runs.

If Kelly's mind was on other, more personal matters, it was because his attractive blond wife, Sandra, for a few bad hours, was mistakenly pegged as "another woman" in the life of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard.

"He read the news in the Columbus papers last night," said Mrs. Kelly in a phone in-

terview with The Press today. She had been identified only as "Sandy" in first dispatches. "He knew the stories meant me. It didn't do him any good."

marriage, the Kellys and the Sam Sheppards saw each other socially both here and in California where Bob trained. The two couples, Sandra said, spent New Year's Eve, 1952, together. The Kellys last saw Dr. Sam and his wife here last February.

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Just a Friend

But Mrs. Kelly, mother of Ken, 4, and Bobbie, 17 months, denied emphatically that she had been anything more than a good friend of Dr. Sheppard and his murdered wife, Marilyn.

Her statement was supported by California sources who first brought her name into the story and from Detective Chief James McArthur who said she was interviewed early in the probe and found guiltless.

From her Indianapolis home, where the Kellys live during the baseball season, Sandra told today of how she met the couple through Dr. Tom Weigle, Marilyn's cousin, to whom she was engaged shortly after her graduation from Shaw High School in 1945.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Nussel, 1895 Brightwood Ave., East Cleveland.

Lived With Sheppards

Her engagement broken off, Sandra drove to Los Angeles with Sam and Marilyn in 1949. A graduate nurse who received her training at Huron Road Hospital, she worked in Los Angeles County General Hospital where Dr. Sheppard was an intern.

"Sam was away much of the time, and Marilyn was lonesome," Sandra recalled. "She asked me to live with them, and I did from July to September of 1949.

"Marilyn was quiet, and although she and I were quite close she never confided in me. There was nothing to indicate that Sam was being unfaithful or that there was any trouble between him and Marilyn."

It was in California that Sandra met Bob Kelly, a Shaw classmate. She returned here in September, 1949. After her