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RANDY GUMPERT SCOUTING COLLECTION

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Abstract
A collection of scouting reports, notebooks, correspondence, contracts, Major and Minor League publications, photographs, and a 16mm film of WTVT’s 1960 interview with Gumpert.

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Biography
Mr. Gumpert was a Major League baseball player and scout. He pitched for the Philadelphia Athletics, the New York Yankees, the Chicago White Sox, the Boston Red Sox and the Washington Senators. He gave up Mickey Mantle’s first home run, May 1, 1951.

He began his career in 1936 pitching his first game two weeks after graduating from high school on June 13, 1936. His final game was on Sept. 23, 1952. He managed the Bradford Yankees in 1956, the 1956-1958 Kearney Yankees and the 1960 St. Petersburg Saints. Gumpert went on to scout for the NY Yankees from 1961 to 1973. He then worked for the Major League Scouting Bureau for 19 years, 1974 to 1993.
He was a member of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, the Berks County Sports Hall of Fame, the Reading Phillies Hall of Fame, the Daniel Boone Wall of Fame and the Major League Scouting Hall of Fame.

Separated

Photo archives – Photographs

Audio/Video archives - 16mm film, WTVT’s interview with Randy Gumpert, 1960, 33 1/3 rpm record, Baseball in the Great Yankee Tradition

BA MSS oversize – 28th Annual Governor’s Baseball Dinner, St. Petersburg, FL, Mar 20, 1974
   Box 2, folder 5

Central archives

1950 Yankees sketch book (GV875.N45Y43 1950 SER c.2)
1967, 1968 New York Yankees Organizational Record Book
1962 New York Yankees Spring Guidebook and Scorecard (BA MSS 218, Box 7, Folder 2)
1966 New York Yankees Spring Guidebook-Program (BA MSS 218, Box 7, Folder 2)
Yankees Scorebook and Souvenir Program July 4-7, 1991 (GV875.N45N499 SER)
Yankee Alumni Directory (GV875.N45N493 SER)
Pinstripes vol. 21, no. 2, April 1994 (GV875.N45P57)
Yankees magazine (GV875.N45Y36vol. 19, issue 8 1998 SER c.2)
Remembering the Vees: Richmond Virginians, 1954-1964 by Elliott Irving
   (GV875.R535I78 1979 c.2)
Play Ball with the Yankees (GV875.N45P72 1958)
The American League and You: A Career in Professional Baseball (GV875.A1A46 1966 SER c.2)
The 1987 Blue Book of Junior College Athletics (GV741.B52 1987 SER)
New York Mets Magazine vol. 30, no. 2 1991 (GV875.N55O34 SER c.2)
White Sox Alumni Newsletter vol. 1, issue 1 2004 (GV875.C25W45)
Official Major League Baseball Rookie League Magazine for Kids (GV873.O34 Sum. 1993 SER)
Red Sox official scorebook magazine (GV875.B67B678 Fifth ed. 1996 SER)

Controlled Access Terms

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Corporate Names

New York Yankees
Chicago White Sox
Newark Baseball Club
Major League Scouting Bureau

Personal Names

Gumpert, Randy 1918-2008
Lonborg, Jim 1942-
George Weiss 1895-1972
Frank C. Lane 1896-1981
**Subject Headings**
- Scouts and scouting
- Scouting reports
- Statistics
- Correspondence
- Contracts

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**Box 1** Amateur scouting reports in folders 1 – 29 unless otherwise noted

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  Jul 12, 1970 Peninsula, Carolina League, batting order
Folder 15  March – April 1971, June 1971 Parkersburg, WVA Sectional Tournament
Folder 16  May 1971
Folder 17  Jun-Jul-Aug 1971
Folder 18  Aug 28-29, 1972 San Diego Padres
  1972 Chicago Cubs, NY Mets, St. Louis Cardinals, Montreal Expos
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Folder 30  3 spiral notebooks, scouting notes, not dated

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  Spiral notebook – Sept 17-30, 1974, scouting notes on Pirates
  Spiral notebook – 1989 – 1993, notes on individual pitchers
Note - Andy Pettitte – 1993 with Prince William Cannons, Carolina League

Folder 32  
Spiral notebook – 1984 Major League Scouting Bureau scout directory  
Jul 1961-Aug 11, 1993 - log of meals, mileage travelled  
- Names/addresses/telephone numbers  
1959 meal and hotel expense ledger

Folder 33  
Elmer Gray, Cincinnati Reds scouting supervisor – business card  
John Addison, VP Player Relations, Philadelphia A’s – business card  
Randy Gumpert’s name tag – 1984 winter baseball meetings  
Gumpert’s 1964 World Series hospitality room pass  
1951 – 1999 ledger with dates his house and barn were painted  
1988 Major League Scouting Bureau phone directory  
1952 American League schedule, compliments of the Red Sox

Folder 34  
Decals – Cubs, Orioles, Yankees, Cardinals  
Bumper sticker – “The Yankees in ’75, you ain’t seen nothing yet”

Folder 35  
Jul 16, 1961 All-Star game scouting card  
- Indiana team, coach Frank Sanches  
Jul 17 – Sept 3 – Pitchers’ game statistics, no year

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Folder 1  
Sept 6, 1960 Letter from WTVT, Tampa, FL to Gumpert with enclosed  
16mm film of station’s interview

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1946 drawing by Pap, on stock paper  
2 index cards, Bob Feller’s autograph

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1941 Kansas City Blues roster and spring training schedule  
1952 Boston Red Sox roster and spring training schedule

Folder 4  
Apr 15, 1940 Newark Bears testimonial dinner  
Nov 21, 1949 Freedom Foundation, Inc National Awards  
1997 MLSB Member roster, Mid-Atlantic scouts

Folder 5  
Aug 12, 1996 Letter of Thanks from Soldiers’ Field Baseball Association

Folder 6  
1966 Annual report to shareholders of CBS, Inc.  
1967 NYY Insurance and Medical Benefits – full time employees

Folder 7  
2007 MLBPA membership card and information  
(Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association)

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1958 NYY scouting manual
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Folder 15  2 - 1967 scorecards – both scored
           Covington Astros vs. Wytheville Reds
           **Dave Tomlin with Reds, Cliff Johnson with Astros

Folder 16  3 - 1967 scorecards – all scored
           Bluefield Orioles vs. Salem Rebels
           **Rebels – Rimp Lanier, Richie Zisk
           **Orioles – Lou Bensley, Leon Brown, Bob Grich, Don Baylor

Box 3
Folder 1  2 - 1967 scorecards – game 1 of a doubleheader, both scored
           Covington Astros vs. Bluefield Orioles
           **Orioles – Lou Beasley, Don Baylor, Bob Grich
           **Astros – Cliff Johnson, Ray Busse

Folder 2  2 – 1967 scorecards – game 2 of a doubleheader, both scored
           Covington Astros vs. Bluefield Orioles
           **Orioles – Lou Beasley, Bob Grich, Don Baylor
           **Astros – Ray Busse, Cliff Johnson

Folder 3  2 – 1967 scorecards – both scored, same game
           Covington Astros vs. Bluefield Orioles
           **Orioles – Leon Brown, Bob Grich, Don Baylor
           **Astros – Ray Busse, Cliff Johnson

Folder 4  Feb 10, 1938 Earle Mack to Gumpert – leaving for spring training

Folder 5  Jan 20, 1939 Connie Mack to Gumpert – contract and spring training info

Folder 6  Apr 30, 1939, Jun 27, 1939, Jul 1, 1939 Official Release Notices

Folder 7  Sept 5, 1939 Letter advising that he has been recalled to the Newark Club
           Sept 9, 1939 Letter accompanied with check from Newark Club
           Oct 30, 1939 Letter clarifying his salary

Folder 8  Feb 19, 1941 Letter with offer of a contract with Kansas City, AA
           Feb 26, 1941 Letter with reporting info
           1941 contract, not executed
Folder 9  Dec 1941 – Oct 1942 Correspondence with Kansas City Baseball Club and Newark International Baseball Club, re: contracts, draft status

Folder 10  Jan 12, 1946 Letter regarding Newark Baseball Club contract and contract

Folder 11  Feb 9, 1946 Letter from George Weiss, NYY, to report to St. Petersburg
Apr 15, 1946 American League Players Contract, NYY, executed

Folder 12  Dec 30, 1946 Acknowledgement of Players Pension Fund contribution

Folder 13  Jan 24, 1947 Letter with reporting instructions to Puerto Rico
Jan 28, 1947 Letter with re-assignment to St. Petersburg for training
1947 contract with NYY, 2 copies, 1 executed Nov 12, 1946
Dec 1947 Western Union telegram with Christmas greetings from Dan Topping, Del Webb, George Weiss

Folder 14  Jan 19, 1948 Contract with NYY, executed
July 26, 1948 Notice to Player of Release or Transfer
  -Assigned to Chicago, American League
Dec 17, 1948 Response from Connie Mack regarding extra uniforms

Folder 15  1949 “Plasticraft” agreement – signed by company executives
  -Manufacture and sell plastic objects with the player’s image
    and/or signature sealed in
Jan 17, 1949 Letter from Frank Lane discussing contract and salary
Jan 1949 Handwritten response from Gumpert stating why he should receive a higher salary
Jan 26, 1949 Letter from Frank Lane offering higher salary
1949 spring training regulations and transportation info
1948 tax form SS-9A Special refund
Feb 2, 1949 Letter from Frank Lane with contract, White Sox
Raffle tickets from Our Lady’s Mission Circle, drawing Oct 16, 1949

Folder 16  1949 Tax return and W-2

Folder 17  Nov 29, 1949 Letter from Frank Lane regarding 1950 contract and
  Spring training
2 small name place cards – Randall P Gumpert
Jan 26, 1950 Spring training regulations and transportation info
Jan 21, 1950 Letter confirming salary for 1950, from Frank Lane
Jan 27, 1950 Contract, White Sox, executed
Folder 18  Sept 2, 1952 Letter from Players Enterprises, Inc., stating royalties received from Topps Chewing Gum, Inc. $26.10

1971  Certificate – Topps Scout of the Month Award for signing Mike Kirzmanich

Folder 19  Feb 23, 1953 Contract, Los Angeles, Pacific Coast League

Folder 20  Oct 3, 2001 Letter from Jim Lonborg, DMD, asking Gumpert to sign Mantle baseballs for auction
Lonborg was a former Major League pitcher, 1965-1979

Feb 2002  Letter from Pat Williams re: book on Jackie Robinson