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JEFF KATZ PAPERS: SPLIT SEASON 1981

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Provenance
This collection was donated by the author, Jeff Katz, in 2015.

Biography
As a sportswriter, Katz had his first short story published alongside legendary baseball writers such as Bill James and Rob Neyer in Play It Again, edited by Jim Bresnahan (McFarland, 2006) and was featured in reviews as the highlight of the book. In 2007, Katz’ first full-length book, The Kansas City A’s & The Wrong Half of the Yankees (Maple Street Press) was released in 2007 and received notable mentions in The New York Post, The Kansas City Star and other daily newspapers. His latest book, "Split Season: 1981 — Fernandomania, the Bronx Zoo, and the Strike that Saved Baseball" (Thomas Dunne Books) was released in 2015.
History
Midway through the 1981 season, a strike ripped baseball apart, the first time a season had ever been stopped in the middle because of a strike. Marvin Miller and the MLB Players Association squared off against Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn and the owners in a fight to protect players’ rights to free agency.

Scope and Content
Research notes, timelines, and articles created and used by the author in the writing of his book. There are three yellow ledger notepads detailing 1981 using The Sporting News as a source. A copy of the finding aid for the Marvin and Theresa Miller Papers, which are kept at the Elmer Holmes Bobst Library at NYU. Interview transcripts for Marvin Miller, Jon Matlock, Ted Cox, Murray Chass, and Clark Griffith are also included. The transcripts of the injunction hearing, May – June 1981, and the unfair labor practice case, July 1981, from the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). There are four draft copies of the manuscript with edits.

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Controlled Access Terms
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Corporate Names
The Sporting News
Office of the Commissioner
National Labor Relations Board
Major League Baseball Player Relations Committee
Major League Baseball Players Association
Thomas Dunne Books - publisher

Personal Names
Kuhn, Bowie 1926-2007
Miller, Marvin 1917-2012
Matlack, Jon 1950-
Cox, Ted 1955-
Chass, Murray 1938-
Griffith, Clark Calvin 1941-

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