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Collection Number:
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Title:
Sherry Davis Collection

Inclusive Dates:
1991-1999

Extent:
.41 linear feet (1 manuscript box)

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Abstract:
This collection contains papers from the first female public address-announcer in the history of Major League Baseball. This collection dates from 1991-1999. This collection gives an insight into Davis’ schedule and duties as a PA announcer, her community involvement and fan mail.

Acquisition Information:
This collection was a gift of Sherry Davis in January 2006.

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History
Sherry Davis became Major League Baseball’s first female Public-Address Announcer in March 1993. The Giants held an audition with 498 applicants and Ms. Davis won.
Sherry Davis is a huge baseball fan and has attended many Giants games. In 1991, the *San Francisco Examiner* wrote that Davis made a 13-hour drive to Scottsdale, AZ with her license plate reading “GNTSMBL”, two years before auditioning for the PA announcer position.

Davis grew up in Newport News, Virginia. She is a graduate of the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore and moved to the west coast in 1975. She has a background in theater and voice and has performed “voice-overs” in TV commercials. She has also appeared as an extra in films such as *The Last Detail*. Prior to auditioning for the Giants, Davis was a legal secretary, living in Walnut Creek, CA.

Sherry held the position as PA announcer at Candlestick Park from 1993 – 1999. When the Giants moved to Pacific Bell Park, a decision was made to go with a new PA announcer. While with the Giants, Davis proved to be a great ambassador for the game as well as for the Giants.

Source: Newspaper clippings in this collection, Folder 6.

**Scope and Content**  
This collection contains the papers of Sherry Davis. She became the first female PA announcer in MLB history with the SF Giants at Candlestick Park. This collection includes her first major league game scorebook, 1993, as well as her last in 1999, signed by Tommy Lasorda. There are interesting announcements from her seven seasons including Hideo Nomo’s first major league game, moments of silence and the changes in disclaimers of those years. There are a few photos from public appearances, news articles and fan mail. In one article from 1991, Davis took a 13-hour drive to Arizona to see the Giants in spring training. This was two years prior to her audition.

**System of Arrangement**  
The collection is organized in one series, by subject then chronologically.

**Controlled Access Terms**  
These records are indexed under the following terms in the National Baseball Hall of Fame’s Library catalog. Researchers wishing to find related materials may wish to search under these terms.

**Corporate Names**  
San Francisco Giants (Baseball team)  
Los Angeles Dodgers (Baseball team)  
Florida Marlins (Baseball team)  
Candlestick Park

**Personal Name**  
Davis, Sherry
Subject
  Announcers – public-address

Content List

Scope note:
This collection contains papers arranged by subject then chronologically. Davis has included personal notes of explanation on many of the items in this collection. Items of interest: **Folder 1** – scoresheet from her first major league game. **Folder 2** - the scorebook from the last game at Candlestick Park signed by Tommy Lasorda. **Folder 3** - the lineup for the LA Dodgers which lists Hideo Nomo’s in his first Major League game; memos on how announcers should ‘speed up the game’. **Folder 4** - the length of disclaimers over the years. **Folder 6** - article from 1991 when Davis made a 13-hour car ride to Arizona to see the Giants in spring training. **Folder 7** - her fan mail is mainly from 1993 with one from a person who thought a man should get the job.

Box 1

Folder 1  San Diego Union Tribune article, Davis won job, 3/11/93
  Score sheet from her first game – pre-season
  Scorebook from her first Major League game
  Davis’ personal observations, two pages, no date

Folder 2  Scorebook with her final game at Candlestick Park, signed by Lasorda
  Lineups, announcements, itinerary of final game at Candlestick Park

Folder 3  Team lineups of visiting teams for 1993
  Lineup for LA Dodgers with Hideo Nomo’s first major league game
  First interleague play announcements
  Davis’ only playoff game, Division Series, Game 3, v. Florida Marlins
  Lineup for 1995 Colorado Silver Bullets, for a pre-game exhibition game
  “Moments of Silence” announced; death of:
    Jerry Garcia
    President Nixon
    Princess Diana
  Memos on speeding up the game

Folder 4  “Interesting Announcements” such as free coffee and hot chocolate due to weather
  Disclaimers, changes in length over her seven years
  Game announcements as handed to Davis, not proofread
  Davis’ own ‘boilerplate’, AKA template, game day outline
  Typical game schedule for a PA announcer
  “Until There’s a Cure” announcements, Aids Awareness

Folder 5  Letters of appreciation from her community appearances; 4X6 photos
8 X 10 black-and-white photo of Davis
Davis’ business card
Giants menu with trivia question, one relates to Davis


Folder 7  Fan mail, 1993-1998. Most letters are from 1993 congratulating her on her new position with the Giants