GUIDE TO PAPERS RELATED TO FRANK FRISCH

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Abstract:
This is a collection of correspondence, manuscript, interviews and personal observations relating to the life and career of Frank Frisch. Radio transcripts for the baseball seasons of 1957 through 1960 and one undated folder.

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History:
Frank Francis Frisch was born September 9, 1898 in Bronx, NY and died March 12, 1973 in Wilmington, DE. The Fordham Flash, an all-around athlete who jumped directly from college to the New York Giants, played on eight pennant-winners in 19 seasons. A fine switch-hitter, Frisch compiled a run of 11 straight .300 seasons and set single-season fielding records as a second baseman for chances and assists with the Cardinals in 1927. As player-manager with St. Louis, he instilled the rollicking all-out style of hard-nosed play that prompted sportswriters to tab the Cardinals “The Gashouse Gang.” Frisch also emerged as a play-by-play radio announcer and his oft-repeated “Oh, those base on balls” became part of his lore. He conducted a post-game show on early television
which, in 1953, the *New York Times* wrote that it was the best post-game show on the air. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1947.

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**Scope and Content**
This collection contains papers relating to Frank Frisch. Included are his personal observations relating to various aspects of baseball, notes and manuscript relating to the book *The Fordham Flash* by Roy Stockton, articles and correspondence.

This collection is organized as one series by subject matter and 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**
- Doubleday & Co.
- Brown & Bigelow
- New York Giants
- Veterans’ Committee
- National Baseball Hall of Fame
- Quaker State

**Personal Names**
- Frisch, Frank
- Stockton, Roy
- Dexter, Charles

**Subject Headings**
- Correspondence
- Interviews
- Manuscript
- Transcript

**Content List**

**Box 1**

*Folder 1*
- Correspondence from Roy Stockton 1960 – 1961
  - Re: *The Fordham Flash*

*Folder 2*
- Correspondence 1961
  - Brown & Bigelow, photo rights
  - Doubleday & Co., with signed contract
Folder 3  
“The Fordham Flash”  
- Manuscript, Chapter 7  
- Appendix “My All-Stars”  
- Forward by Stockton

Folder 4  
Observations, undated  
- Possibly notes for autobiography

Folder 5  
Chapter notes for possible autobiography, pages 1 - 62  
- School Days  
- My First Big League Days  
- Eight Years with the Giants

Folder 6  
Observations, undated  
- Possibly notes for autobiography

Folder 7  
Observations of 1970

Folder 8  
Observations, undated

Folder 9  
Observations on fielding positions

Folder 10  
Observations, correspondence, undated

Folder 11  
Correspondence 1957 – 1970

Folder 12  
Quaker State Meeting speech, March 28, 1958

Folder 13  
Public speaking appearances, 1957, 1959, 1968, undated

Folder 14  
Frisch biography  
“Ode to Brother Frisch”  
“Stats on the Series” by Allan Roth  
“Keep Hustling” four black-and-white lithograph  
Teletypes of college football, basketball, major league notes

Folder 15  
Notebook with observations, notes, c. 1960’s

Folder 16  
Notebook with observations, notes, c. 1960’s

Box 2

Folder 1  
“All-State” July 12, 1960, stories and transcripts

Folder 2  
Two articles for Saturday Evening Post, same text different titles  
- “No-hitters are the Bunk”  
- “No-hitters don’t mean a thing”

Folder 3  
“The soundest team I ever played with” 1931

Folder 4  
Untitled article as told to Ray Robinson 1955

Folder 5  
“The Inside of Sports” radio program Sept 9, 1947  
- Frisch birthday story
**Folder 6**  
“No September 1934, Gas House Gang pennant drive”

**Folder 7**  
“Article by Herb Goren as told by Frisch 1952”

**Folder 8**  
“Oh those bases on balls” by Frisch, told to Charles Dexter

**Folder 9**  
“We won pennants in the spring” by Frisch, told to Charles Dexter

**Folder 10**  
“The new look in managers” by Frisch, told to Charles Dexter

**Folder 11**  
“My old pal Leo” by Frisch, told to Charles Dexter

**Folder 12**  
“Veterans’ Committee Correspondence 1966 – 1972”

**Folder 13**  
-Veterans’ Committee rules  
-Biographies  
-Correspondence

**Folder 14**  
Miscellaneous items

**Box 3**

**Folder 1**  
Radio transcripts, undated  
- Football, baseball news  
- Promos, endorsements

**Folder 2**  
Radio transcripts  
- June 11, 1952  
- 1957 major league baseball season

**Folder 3**  
Radio transcripts, 1958 Frisch with Charles Dexter  
- Commercials for Quaker State

**Folder 4**  
Radio transcripts, 1959 Frisch with Charles Dexter

**Folder 5**  
Radio transcripts, Jan. – July 1960