

National Baseball Hall of Fame Library MSB 22
Olla Westgate. Papers, 1948-1969.
.75 linear feet (2 archives boxes)

Abstract

Olla Westgate papers comprised of 21 notebooks containing hand-written play-by-play accounts of World Series games played between 1948 and 1969. Olla recorded information such as home field, weather, time of game, attendance, umpires and whether each pitch was a called strike or a swing and a miss.

Provenance: The collection was donated to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in 2003 by Lorne Westgate. Papers arranged and described by Helen Stiles in April 2003, with assistance from Anne McFarland.

Restrictions on Access: By appointment only Monday-Friday 9AM-4PM ; staff assistance required.

Separations: None.

Biographical Background

Olla Westgate lived in Kimberley, British Columbia, Canada and recorded the World Series games, play-by-play, so her husband Ralph Westgate could read about the games when he returned home from work. She listened to the games on the radio from 1948 to 1952. Between 1953 and 1969, she recorded the games from television.

Contents

Twenty-one notebooks containing World Series game accounts for the years 1948-1969. These notebooks contain information such as home field, weather, time of game, attendance, umpires and whether each pitch was a called strike or a swing and a miss.

The 1948 World Series was between the Cleveland Indians (AL) and the Boston Braves (NL). Cleveland won the Series 4 games to 2. The Cleveland Indians made history when Negro leagues legend Satchel Paige took the mound with one out in the seventh inning of Game Five. Paige became the first African American to pitch in a World Series game.

The 1949 World Series was between the New York Yankees (AL) and the Brooklyn Dodgers (NL). New York won the Series 4 games to 1. Don Newcombe of the Brooklyn Dodgers became the first African American pitcher to start a World Series game.

The 1950 World Series was between the New York Yankees (AL) and the Philadelphia Phillies (NL). New York won the Series 4 games to 0.

The 1951 World Series was between the New York Yankees (AL) and the New York Giants (NL). Yankees won the Series 4 games to 2.

The 1952 World Series was between the New York Yankees (AL) and the Brooklyn Dodgers (NL). New York won the Series 4 games to 3. Joe Black, pitching in Game One, became the first African American to win a World Series game.

The 1953 World Series was between the New York Yankees (AL) and the Brooklyn Dodgers (NL). New York won the Series 4 games to 2.

The 1954 World Series was between the Cleveland Indians (AL) and the New York Giants (NL). New York won the Series 4 games to 0. Willie Mays' over-the-shoulder catch in Game One is considered to be one of the greatest World Series catches of all-time.

The 1955 World Series was between the New York Yankees (AL) and the Brooklyn Dodgers (NL). Brooklyn won the Series 4 games to 3.

The 1956 World Series was between the New York Yankees (AL) and the Brooklyn Dodgers (NL). New York won the Series 4 games to 3. Don Larsen pitched a perfect game in Game Five of the Series.

The 1957 World Series was between the New York Yankees (AL) and the Milwaukee Braves (NL). Milwaukee won the Series 4 games to 3.

The 1958 World Series was between the New York Yankees (AL) and the Milwaukee Braves (NL). New York won the Series 4 games to 3.

The 1959 World Series was between the Chicago White Sox (AL) and the Los Angeles Dodgers (NL). Los Angeles won the Series 4 games to 2.

The 1960 World Series was between the New York Yankees (AL) and the Pittsburgh Pirates (NL). Pittsburgh won the Series 4 games to 3. Bill Mazeroski hits Series-winning home run in Game Seven.

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The 1961 World Series was between the New York Yankees (AL) and the Cincinnati Reds (NL). New York won the Series 4 games to 1.

The 1962 World Series was between the New York Yankees (AL) and the San Francisco Giants (NL). New York won the Series 4 games to 3.

The 1963 World Series was between the New York Yankees (AL) and the Los Angeles Dodgers (NL). Los Angeles won the Series 4 games to 0. Sandy Koufax strikes out a then-record 15 in Game One.

The 1964 World Series was between the New York Yankees (AL) and the St. Louis Cardinals (NL). St. Louis won the Series 4 games to 3. Mickey Mantle hits 16th career World Series home run, breaking Babe Ruth's mark.

The 1965 World Series was between the Minnesota Twins (AL) and the Los Angeles Dodgers (NL). Los Angeles won the Series 4 games to 3.

The 1966 World Series was between the Baltimore Orioles (AL) and the Los Angeles Dodgers (NL). Baltimore won the Series 4 games to 0. The Orioles pitching staff pitched 33 consecutive shutout innings to record a World Series record. Jim Palmer became the youngest pitcher to hurl a shutout in World Series play.

The 1967 World Series was between the Boston Red Sox (AL) and the St. Louis Cardinals (NL). St. Louis won the Series 4 games to 3.

The 1968 World Series was between the Detroit Tigers (AL) and the St. Louis Cardinals (NL). Detroit won the Series 4 games to 3. Bob Gibson established a World Series record with 17 strikeouts in Game One.

The 1969 World Series was between the Baltimore Orioles (AL) and the New York Mets (NL). New York won the Series 4 games to 1. The New York Mets became the first expansion team to win the World Series.

Box

Folder

World Series Notebooks

1	1	1948 W.S. notebook
	2	1949 W.S. notebook
	3	1950 and 1951 W.S. notebook
	4	1952 W.S. notebook
	5	1953 W.S. notebook
	6	1954 W.S. notebook
	7	1955 W.S. notebook
	8	1956 W.S. notebook
	9	1957 W.S. notebook
	10	1958 W.S. notebook
	11	1959 W.S. notebook
	12	1960 W.S. notebook
	13	1961 W.S. notebook
	14	1962 W.S. notebook
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	2	1964 W.S. notebook
	3	1965 W.S. notebook
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	6	1968 W.S. notebook
	7	1969 W.S. notebook