

Isaacs, Stan, 1929-2013. Collection, 1945-2013.

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Stan Isaacs, a popular sportswriter and longtime resident of Roslyn Heights, N.Y., was born in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, in 1929. He graduated from Eastern District High School and Brooklyn College where he wrote articles for *Vanguard*, the college's newspaper. In the years following his graduation from college, Isaacs wrote for newspapers such as the *New York Star* and the *Daily Compass*. Then, in 1954, he went to work for the Long Island newspaper *Newsday*, where his "Out of Left Field" column became an extremely popular feature.

Isaacs was a serious professional, known for his sense of humor and his "against the grain" approach to writing. He was a member of The Chipmunks, an unofficial group of young and irreverent sports writers whose writing style changed the face of sports reporting. The group included Larry Merchant, George Vecsey, Steve Jacobson, Phil Pepe, Paul Zimmerman, Maury Allen, Vic Ziegel and Leonard Schecter.

During his career with *Newsday*, Isaacs reported on many of sports history's greatest stories, including Roger Maris' pursuit of Babe Ruth's homerun record, the City College of New York's 1950 championship basketball team, the pennant-winning comeback made by the 1951baseball Giants, the Ali-Frazier fight in 1970 and the four straight Stanley Cup Championships won by the New York Islanders.

The two things that Isaacs was most proud of were taking the Dodgers 1955 world championship pennant from Los Angeles and returning it to Brooklyn, and successfully pushing to have a statue created of the famous image of Pee Wee Reese with his arm around Jackie Robinson. (The statue was erected at MCU Park in Coney Island in 2005.)

Isaacs retired from *Newsday* in 1992, but he continued with his sports writing. From 1995 to 1997, he put together pieces for an ESPN website, and in 2000, he connected with *TheColumnists.com*, a website created solely for featuring retired journalists. Isaacs died in Haverford, PA, on April 2, 2013, the day after his last article was published on *TheColumnists.com*.

Isaacs' wife, Bobbi, died in 2012. The Isaacs had three daughters: Ellen, Nancy and Anne. Isaacs also had a sister, Diane Dunne.

The collection, which spans the years 1945-2013, includes newspaper and magazine articles and website entries written by Isaacs. Also included is a personal notebook, emails, letters, calendars, drafts, baseball statistics, horse racing records, a eulogy and Isaacs' nomination for a Pulitzer Prize in Journalism.

SUBJECTS

Names:

Isaacs, Stan, 1929-2013.

Subjects:

Newspapers--Sections, columns, etc. Sportswriters--New York (State)--Long Island Sports journalism.

Places:

Long Island (N.Y.) Roslyn Heights (N.Y.)

Form and Genre Terms:

Calendars.

Letters.

Newspaper clippings.

Notebooks.

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Box and Folder Listing

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1-1	Newspaper Clippings and Brooklyn College Vanguard Entries	1945-1948
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1-3	Personal Calendar, Daily Compass Articles, and Column by Stanley Woodward	1951
1-4	Daily Compass Articles and Duane Associates Sample	1952
1-5	First <i>Newsday</i> Story (October 25 th) and Newspaper Clippings	1954
1-6	Newsday Articles, Newspaper Clippings, and Baseball Players' Stats	1955
1-7	Personal Calendar, Newspaper Clippings, and Hard Knocks' College Entries	1956
1-8	Newsday Articles and Newspaper Clippings	1957
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1-10	Newsday Articles	1959
1-11	Newsday Articles and "Sport" Magazine Entry (July)	1960
1-12	Newsday Columns	1961
1-13	Newsday Articles & Columns and Horse Records (Fanny Mite)	1962
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2-2	Newsday Articles & Columns	1965
2-3	Newsday Articles & Columns and Horse Records (Exciting Speed)	1965
2-4	Newsday Columns	1966
2-5	Newsday Columns	1966
2-6	Newsday Clippings & Columns and Horse Records (Billy Torpid & Bob Moultray)	1966
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2-11	Newsday Clippings & Columns	1968
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3-1	Newsday Articles & Columns	1969
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3-7	<i>Newsday</i> Columns and Column by Larry Merchant, "Stan the Boy" (March 18 th)	1971
3-8	Newsday Articles & Columns	1971
3-9	Newsday Articles & Columns	1972
3-10	Newspaper/ <i>Newsday</i> /LI Magazine Articles & Columns and Personal Letter to <i>Newsday</i> Staff (February 23 rd)	1973
3-11	Newsday/LI Magazine Articles & Columns and Column by Anne Harris, "A Matter of Respect" (June)	1974
3-12	Newsday Columns	1974
4-1	Newsday Columns	1975
4-2	Newsday Columns	1975
4-3	Newsday/LI Magazine/Roslyn News Columns, Norman Mailer Interview (September 21 st), and Bill Moyers Interview (October 5 th)	1975
4-4	Newsday Clippings & Columns	1976
4-5	<i>Newsday/LI Magazine</i> Clippings & Columns, "Great Americans" Test with Answers (June 15 th), and Isaac Asimov Interview (July 18 th)	1976
4-6	Newspaper/ <i>LI Magazine</i> Articles & Columns, Bruno Bettelheim Interview (August 14 th), and Charles Schulz Interview (August 28 th)	1977
4-7	<i>Newsday/LI Magazine</i> Articles & Columns and Steve Cauthen Interview (February 5 th)	1978
4-8	Newspaper/Newsday Articles & Columns	1978

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4-9	Newsday/LI Magazine/Score Magazine/ Stanford Daily Articles & Columns and Interview with Barbara Cartland (June 3 rd)	1979
4-10	Newspaper/Newsday/Sports Illustrated Articles, Clippings & Columns	1979
4-11	Newsday/LI Magazine/Sports Illustrated Articles, Clippings & Columns and "Behind the Scenes at Belmont" Story (May 18 th)	1980
4-12	Newsday Clippings & Columns and "Vanities: License to advertise oneself" by Ellyn Isaacs	1980
5-1	Newspaper/Newsday Articles, Clippings & Columns	1981
5-2	Newsday Articles & Columns	1981
5-3	Newsday Clippings & Columns	1982
5-4	Newsday Clippings & Columns	1982
5-5	Newsday Clippings & Columns	1983
5-6	Newsday Articles, Clippings & Columns and Story about Paul Revere's Steed, "History's Mystery Horse" (May 6 th)	1983
5-7	Newsday Clippings & Columns	1983
5-8	Newsday Clippings & Columns	1984
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5-14	Newsday Columns	1986
5-15	Newsday Articles & Columns	1986
6-1	Newsday Articles & Columns and The Sporting News 1987 Baseball Yearbook Article (April)	1987
6-2	Newsday Articles & Columns	1987
6-3	Newsday Articles, Clippings & Columns	1988
6-4	<i>Newsday</i> Articles & Columns and Crossword Puzzle With Answers (April 29 th)	1988
6-5	Newspaper/Newsday Articles & Columns	1988
6-6	Newsday Articles, Clippings & Columns	1989
6-7	Newsday Clippings & Columns	1989
6-8	Newsday Articles & Columns	1989
6-9	Newsday Articles & Columns	1990
6-10	Newsday Columns	1990
6-11	Newsday Clippings & Columns	1991
6-12	Newsday Columns, "The Complete Handbook of Pro Football": Paul Maguire (August), "Jim Brown's Field of Dreams" Article (October 3 rd), and Paper on Newmarket Horse Races (October 13 th)	1991
7-1	<i>Newsday</i> Articles, Clippings & Columns and Olympic Replays (February 10 th -23 rd)	1992
7-2	Newsday Columns, "TV Spot" Pieces (July 27 th -August 1 st & August 3 rd -August 10 th), Stan's Farewell From Newsday (August 30 th), and "The Complete Handbook of Pro Football": John Madden (August)	1992

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7-3	Newsday/New York Times Columns, "Knicks by the Numbers" Piece in Baseline Confidential (March/April) "The Complete Handbook of Pro Football": Stockton-Visser, "Mets by the Numbers" Piece in Baseline Confidential, and Piece on The Stanley Cup (December)	1993
7-4	Newsday/New York Times/The Northern Centinel Articles, Clippings & Columns, "The Complete Handbook of Pro Football": John Madden (August), and Knicks' Yearbook	1994
7-5	Newsday/Sarasota Herald-Tribune Clippings & Columns Paper for the Hofstra University Babe Ruth Conference (April 29 th), Knicks' Yearbook, "The Complete Handbook of Pro Football": Frank Gifford (August), and Article on Al Trautwig in MSG Magazine (December)	1995
7-6	ESPN Essays	1995
7-7	ESPN Essays	1995
7-8	Newsday/ New York Times / Northern Centinel/ Thoroughbred Daily News/Metropolitan Diary Columns, Article about Yankees Telecast in MSG Magazine (Summer), "The Complete Handbook of Pro Football": Phil Simms (August), and "The Complete Handbook of Pro Football": Hannah Storm (October)	1996
7-9	ESPN Essays	1996
7-10	ESPN Essays	1996
7-11	ESPN Essays	1996
7-12	ESPN Essays	1996
7-13	LI Voice/Metropolitan Diary/Newsday/ Roslyn News/ Silurian News/Time Magazine Articles, Clippings & Columns, Knicks' Yearbook, Flyer for Book Signing (The Fastest Kid on the Block: The Marty Glickman Story, January 14 th), AJ Liebling Award For Outstanding Boxing Writing (April 6 th), Tribute to a Hero: Jackie Robinson (April), Personal Letter to Sec. Madeleine Albright (August 9 th), and Newsday Interview with Doris Kearns Goodwin (December 3 rd)	1997

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7-14	ESPN Essays	1997
7-15	ESPN Essays	1997
7-16	Newsday/Silurian News Clippings & Columns "Giants Jottings" Article (December)	1998
7-17	Newsday Articles & Columns, Personal Letter to Edward Stack (National Baseball Hall of Fame, March 30 th), "Giants Jottings" Article (April 1 st), "Giants Jottings: Eddie Stanky" Article (July), and "Giants Jottings" Article (October)	1999
7-18	Newsday/Roslyn News Columns	2000
7-19	The Columnists.com Articles (First Article on June 29 th)	2000
8-1	Newsday/Roslyn News Articles & Columns, Letter to Seth Abraham (President of MSG Magazine, February 16 th), Personal Letter to Mr. Sorkin (March 1 st), and Evesmag.com Article about September 11 th (Sept.)	2001
8-2	TheColumnists.com Articles	2001
8-3	TheColumnists.com Articles	2001
8-4	The Columnists.com Articles	2001
8-5	Newsday/Roslyn News Columns, A Tribute to Dick Schaap (Jewish Hall of Fame, March), and Evesmag.com Article about Vietnam (June 5 th)	2002
8-6	The Columnists.com Articles	2002
8-7	The Columnists.com Articles	2002
8-8	The Columnists.com Articles	2002
8-9	Newspaper/ <i>Newsday/Roslyn News/Shelton-Mason County Journal/Silurian News</i> Clippings & Columns and Bill Veeck Story (American Rebels, October 22 nd)	2003
8-10	The Columnists.com Articles	2003

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8-11	The Columnists.com Articles	2003
8-12	The Columnists.com Articles	2003
8-13	Newsday/New York Times/Roslyn News Articles & Columns, "Daily Racing Form" Column by Stan Bergstein (February 11 th), Baseball Hall of Fame Yearbook (June), and Proposal for Senior Associate Membership at St. Antony's: Story for ESPN (25-year Press Package, June)	2004
8-14	The Columnists.com Articles	2004
8-15	The Columnists.com Articles	2004
8-16	The Columnists.com Articles	2004
8-17	The Columnists.com Articles	2004
9-1	Daily News/New York Times/Roslyn News Articles & Columns, Eulogy of Fran Dincin (January 4 th), "Safe at Home: Leave the Banner, Take the Franchise" by Dave Anderson (NYT, April 21 st), "A Brooklyn Dodgers Flag is Displayed Once Again" by Richard Goldstein (NYT, June 1 st), Hall of Fame Yearbook: Brooklyn Dodgers, Articles about the Robinson/Reese Statue at Keyspan Park (November 2 nd), and "After Six Years, a Statue Finally Rises in Brooklyn" (Brooklyn College <i>Vanguard</i> , November 14 th)	2005
9-2	The Columnists.com Articles	2005
9-3	The Columnists.com Articles	2005
9-4	The Columnists.com Articles	2005
9-5	Newsday Articles & Columns	2006
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9-9	Newspaper/ <i>New York Times</i> Articles, Clippings & Columns, Nomination for A Pulitzer Prize in Journalism, Personal Drafts, and "Charley Smash" Story (Quadrant)	2007
9-10	The Columnists.com Articles	2007
9-11	The Columnists.com Articles	2007
9-12	The Columnists.com Articles	2007
9-13	Philadelphia Daily News/Newsday Columns	2008
9-14	The Columnists.com Articles	2008
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9-17	The Columnists.com Articles	2008
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10-2	The Columnists.com Articles	2009
10-3	The Columnists.com Articles	2009
10-4	The Columnists.com Articles and Reader's Digest Excerpt by Natalie Isaacs (December)	2009
10-5	Newspaper/ <i>Philadelphia Inquirer</i> Clippings & Columns and <i>Quadrangle Times</i> Stories (March, May & September)	2010
10-6	The Columnists.com Articles	2010
10-7	The Columnists.com Articles	2010
10-8	The Columnists.com Articles	2010

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10-9	Newspaper Clipping & New York Times Column, Paper Presented at Hofstra's "1935" Conference (Race and Ethnic Issues in Sports, Circa 1935, April 8 th), First Draft & Edited Version "Out of Left Field: Jews And Black Baseball" (Spring), Ad for the Quadrangle (Senior Living Community, Fall), and <i>Quadrangle Times</i> Stories (February & November)	2011
10-10	The Columnists.com Articles	2011
10-11	The Columnists.com Articles	2011
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10-13	"Some Musings from Voices in the Crowd" (April 24 th) and "The Legend of Cinderfella" (Quadrangle Writers Group, October)	2012
10-14	The Columnists.com Articles	2012
10-15	The Columnists.com Articles	2012
10-16	The Columnists.com Articles	2012
10-17	Last TheColumnists.com Article (April 1st)	2013

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