



Guide to the Las Vegas Professional Sports Teams Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Villaluz, Paul
Title:	Las Vegas Professional Sports Teams Collection
ID:	MS-00595
Date [inclusive]:	1988-2008
Physical Description:	0.4 Linear Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Las Vegas Professional Sports Teams Collection (1988-2008) consists of brochures, ephemera, and programs from various Las Vegas, Nevada sports teams. Teams include the Coyotes, Dustdevils, Flash, Thunder, Silver Streaks, and Wranglers. The sports include basketball, ice hockey, inline hockey and indoor soccer.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

Several professional sports teams were established in Las Vegas, Nevada throughout the 1990s and early 2000s. In spite of the teams' winning records, these franchises struggled to survive. The Las Vegas Silver Streaks were a professional basketball team from 1988 to 1990. In 1988 they won the first World Basketball League championship. The Las Vegas Dustdevils were an indoor soccer team from 1994 to 1995 and made the Continental Indoor Soccer League (CISL) playoffs once. After losing this contest, the team disbanded and withdrew from the CISL.

Over the years there have been several local hockey teams. The Las Vegas Coyotes was an inline hockey team established in 1999. It participated in the Roller Hockey International (RHI), and dissolved at the end of 1999 when the RHI disbanded. The Las Vegas Flash was an inline hockey team that existed for one season from 1993 through 1994. The team was soon renamed and moved, becoming the Utah Sun Dogs. The Las Vegas Thunder was an independent ice hockey

team that participated in the International Hockey League. Formed in 1993, the Thunder achieved success in the 1995 and 1996 season when they finished in first place. The Thunder survived for three more seasons and disbanded in 1999. In 2003 the Las Vegas Wranglers was formed in Las Vegas as an expansion franchise of the East Coast Hockey League (minor league professional ice hockey). As of May 2014 the Wranglers had the highest winning percentage in ECHL history, but had suspended operations in search of a new ice arena in Las Vegas.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by team.

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Administrative Information

Access

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2012 by Paul Villaluz; accession number 2012-018.

Processing Note

Material was processed by UNLV Special Collections staff in 2012. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Ian M. Baldwin revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. Subsequently, Ian M. Baldwin entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

Revision Description

The finding aid was revised by Ian M. Baldwin to bring it into compliance with DACS. July, 2014

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Related Materials

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For additional information on Las Vegas professional sports teams see: Ortiz Family Collection on the Las Vegas Stars baseball team MS-00267, 1983-1990. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Nevada sports
- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Brochures and programs: Las Vegas Silver Streaks Basketball, 1988-1990	box 01	folder 01
Brochures and programs: Las Vegas Thunder Ice Hockey, 1996-1999	box 01	folder 02
Program: Las Vegas Coyotes Inline Hockey, 1994	box 01	folder 03
Brochures and programs: Las Vegas Flash Inline Hockey, 1994-1999		

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Brochures and programs: Las Vegas Dustdevils Indoor Soccer, 1994-1995

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Brochures, ephemera, and programs: Las Vegas Wranglers Ice Hockey,
2004-2006

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Brochures, clippings, and programs: Las Vegas Wranglers Ice Hockey,
2004-2008

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