



Guide to the Game On! The Oral History of Las Vegas Sports Interviews

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Interviews are arranged in the order they were transferred to UNLV Special Collections and Archives Technical Services.

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Access Note

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Acquisition Note

These interviews were conducted and transcribed by the Oral History Research Center (OHRC) which is part of the UNLV University Libraries Special Collections and Archives Division. In June 2024, Sarah Jones created the first accession of 5 interviews; accession number 2024-074.

Processing Note

Interview materials were processed by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives beginning in June 2024. Sarah Jones wrote the initial collection description. Access copies were created for born-digital audio files. The audio has been minimally reviewed and all readily available information has been included in the description. This project is ongoing, and individual interviews are added to this collection periodically.

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Sports
- Las Vegas (Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
<p>Xiaoyin Zhang oral history interview, 2024 April 17 (OH_03922_001)</p> <p>Creator: Zhang, Xiaoyin</p> <p>Physical Description: 2 Digital Files (MP3)</p> <p>Scope and Contents Note: Oral history interview with Xiaoyin Zhang conducted by Claytee D. White and Stefani Evans on April 17, 2024 for the Game On! The Oral History of Las Vegas Sports project. In this interview, Xiaoyin Zhang discusses her childhood in post-war China, learning to work as a blacksmith, and discovering table tennis as a recreational sport. Zhang graduated from Hangzhou University in 1982 and in 1987 came to the United States to pursue a degree in Library Science at University of Wisconsin, Madison. She discusses table tennis as a lifelong sport for the mind and body, for entertainment, and for social connections. She recalls the Huntsman World Senior Games, serving as captain of the UNLV Table Tennis Corporate Challenge team, and her wall full of bronze, silver, and gold medals. She also describes her work with the University of Maryland Baltimore County, Williams College, and UNLV. Digital audio available.</p> <p>Names and Subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guangzhou (China) • Table tennis • University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Libraries 	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Jeffrey Parhamovich oral history interview, 2024 April 29 (OH_03922_002)</p> <p>Creator: Parhamovich, Jeffery</p> <p>Physical Description: 7 Files (MP3, JPG)</p> <p>Scope and Contents Note: Oral history interview with Jeffery Parhamovich conducted by Claytee D. White and Stefani Evans on April 29, 2024 for the Game On! The Oral History of Las Vegas Sports project. In this interview, Parhamovich describes his childhood near Cleveland, Ohio, and attending Kansas State University, where he majored in Bakery Science and Management. He talks about working for H. C. Brill Company, Inc., in Tucker, Georgia, moving to Kansas City, and joining Calvary Bible College, where he met his future wife. Parhamovich talks about his life-long love of cars that grew into a passion for motor sports from the National Association of Stock Car Racing (NASCAR) to Formula One racing. He discusses the growth of F1 racing in the United States following its purchase by Liberty Media; the Circuit of the Americas, a permanent F1 track in Austin, Texas; the Las Vegas Paddock, the only</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>

F1 paddock owned by Formula One Motor Sports (now Liberty Media), and attending the Las Vegas Grand Prix in 2023. Digital audio and photographs available.

Names and Subjects:

- Motorsports
- Bakeries
- NASCAR (Association)
- Formula One

Doris Watson oral history interview, 2024 May 07 (OH_03922_003)

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file 00

Creator: Watson, Doris, 1965-

Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (MP3)

Scope and Contents Note: Oral history interview with Doris Watson conducted by Claytee D. White on May 7, 2024 for the Game On! The Oral History of Las Vegas Sports project. In this interview, Watson discusses her childhood in Colorado and moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 2005. She recalls finding relief and success in both sports and education, excelling in math, science, basketball, and cross country. Watson discusses the importance of coaching, a skill that Watson still applies to her graduate students in the field of education at UNLV. With over 20 years of experience in sports pedagogy, Watson joined UNLV's Department of Educational Psychology, Leadership, and Higher Education in 2011. Digital audio available.

Names and Subjects:

- Coaching (Athletics)
- Basketball
- Long-distance running

Rick Arpin oral history interview, 2024 May 22 (OH_03922_004)

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file 00

Creator: Arpin, Rick

Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (MP3)

Scope and Contents Note: Oral history interview with Rick Arpin conducted by Claytee D. White and Stefani Evans on May 22, 2024 for the Game On! The Oral History of Las Vegas Sports project. In this interview, Las Vegas native Rick Arpin reflects on his East Las Vegas childhood, his career in accounting and finance, and his role with MGM Resorts in conceiving, building, and operating the T-Mobile Arena, home of the Vegas Golden Knights. Arpin mostly focuses on the idea of what would become T-Mobile arena, possible sites and designs for the arena, and putting everything on hold through the financial crisis (2008-2009) and the building of City Center (2008-2010). He talks about MGM Resorts realizing they had to manage all sports and entertainment venues across the company, including security, vendors, booking, and all operations. Arpin recalls the multiple people, institutions, and determination that helped chip away the "stigma" that professional and collegiate sports felt clouded Las Vegas as a location for professional or collegiate sports. Digital audio available.

Names and Subjects:

- Hockey
- Arenas (sports buildings)
- Vegas Golden Knights (Hockey team)
- MGM Resorts International

- CityCenter (Las Vegas, Nev.)

Dan Coronel oral history interview, 2024 May 23 (OH_03922_005)

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Creator: Coronel, Dan

Physical Description: 29 Digital Files (MP3, JPG)

Scope and Contents Note: Oral history interview with Dan Coronel conducted by Claytee D. White and Stefani Evans on May 23, 2024 for the Game On! The Oral History of Las Vegas Sports project. In this interview, Coronel discusses when he began playing lacrosse in the sixth grade while living with his family in Baltimore, Maryland. When Coronel moved to California, he began to play on the Malibu lacrosse team whose home field was at Pepperdine University. He recalls later switching to the South Bay Club, and as the sport gained more popularity in Las Vegas, he found himself refereeing games in the city often. Eventually, he describes making connections with the two original clubs in Las Vegas: the Centennial Bull Dogs and Palo Verde Panthers. He talks about working across the 11 districts in the United States and in many foreign countries as a referee, and his excitement about seeing lacrosse in the 2028 Olympics. He discusses lacrosse not being sanctioned in Clark County School District, which means it is still a club sport. However, Coronel works to make sure anyone interested can play lacrosse, connecting equipment manufacturers and others who may have a surplus with those in need. Digital audio and photographs available.

Names and Subjects:

- Lacrosse
- California
- Sports officiating