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John McKiernan-: My name is John McKiernan-Gonzalez. I'm the director for the Center for the Study Southwest. I am at the Onion Creek Soccer Complex. It's July 21 and I am interviewing ...

Karen Urquiza: Karen Urquiza

John McKiernan-: Karen Orquisa? Urquiza okay thank you. So, Karen Urquiza when did you first become aware of soccer?

Karen Urquiza: Well my mom would always play since I was going up, she's been playing it and then I started playing in middle school, seventh grade.

John McKiernan-: Your mom always played, can I ask you a little bit about your mom and her soccer career?

Karen Urquiza: Oh yeah, for sure. She's been playing since when she was 15, no 18 actually because she started when got here. After that she kept on playing,

she scored a lot, she always had the luck shot. She fell in love with the sport so everyday she would be playing. There would be people inviting her, called [inaudible 00:00:50] but she couldn't go over, she couldn't play.

John McKiernan-: Oh.

Karen Urquiza: She was a really good player but then she got hurt with her knee, so that ended her career, that's it for soccer. Since then she hasn't been able to play soccer.

John McKiernan-: And she played here in Austin? Somewhere else?

Karen Urquiza: Mm-hmm (affirmative). We had [inaudible 00:01:06] Soccer Zone, it's an indoor soccer tournament.

John McKiernan-: So your mom took you to soccer games?

Karen Urquiza: Yeah. I used to not like it at all.

John McKiernan-: My son hates it. That's great, so when did you start playing soccer?

Karen Urquiza: Seventh grade, middle school.

John McKiernan-: When you say you started playing soccer you mean organized soccer?

Karen Urquiza: Yeah like actually in teams, cause like I didn't even start at all, I didn't even know anything about the sport until seventh grade when she put me in.

John McKiernan-: Did your mom not watch TV with you for soccer games?

Karen Urquiza: She did but I got bored, I was always on my phone.

John McKiernan-: What got you excited about soccer?

Karen Urquiza: Well she forced me to play, so once I learned more about the basics of the game I'm like this is pretty easy, this is pretty good. So I started playing more and more and then I just fell in love with it.

John McKiernan-: Great so what keeps you playing?

Karen Urquiza: People inviting me!

John McKiernan-: Okay.

Karen Urquiza: Yeah, um, people invite me like every single day playing. So like three days a week I don't play, the rest I do. Up to two or more games a day.

John McKiernan-: You have a really good sense of the field. Where do you think you got that sense of the field?

Karen Urquiza: In Mexico I started playing D and they tried put me on forward and I couldn't put myself in, so I just kept playing D and I got better and progressed more.

John McKiernan-: I noticed you play a lot of co-ed soccer. You play co-ed soccer now?

Karen Urquiza: Yeah.

John McKiernan-: Is there any difference between playing co-ed and playing women?

Karen Urquiza: [inaudible 00:02:23] the guys make more comments to the girls that we need to work more with the guys, getting those passes in and scoring more. The girls count for more goals. I think it's just different because guys play better they have more speed, more agility to play. So it's a little bit more complicated.

John McKiernan-: Thank you very much, this is John McKiernan-Gonzalez and this is Karen Urquiza right?

Karen Urquiza: Yes it is.

John McKiernan: [inaudible 00:02:50] Awesome.