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Carlos Flores:<sup>1</sup>The first one is when did you become aware that soccer was a sport? I mean, you don't have to be playing it, but when did you know about soccer?

Esme: Probably like 10.

Carlos Flores: 10? Okay. At a young age. And when did you actually start playing? Was that at the same age?

Esme: 12.

Carlos Flores: 12? Okay. And when did you start playing organized, with a team, or in high school or middle school?

Esme: That would be freshman year of high school, so 2012.

Carlos Flores: Okay. So you played with the high school?

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Esme: Yeah.

Carlos Flores: Okay.

Esme: And then outside teams.

Carlos Flores: Okay. The same, freshman year? You played outside teams?

Esme: Yeah.

Carlos Flores: Oh, wonderful. And it is easy to find a team here around Austin?

Esme: Yeah, I would say so. I know it's just like by word of mouth, like "Oh, come play for a team."

Carlos Flores: Okay. Word of mouth, so like friends or family?

Esme: Like friends. Other people you play with in high school, they're like "Oh, I play on a team, come play".

Carlos Flores: Okay. Okay. Okay. That makes sense. So what keeps you playing soccer?

Esme: I love it. I like the team effort. I wanna keep up with it. It was something that I used to be really good at, so I wanna keep it up, 'cause now in college you really don't get a chance to play as much.

Carlos Flores: Yeah, okay. Just kinda going off of that, so you're at A&M I overheard?

Esme: Yeah.

Carlos Flores: So you don't get to play as much over there?

Esme: We play intramurals.

Carlos Flores: Intramurals? Okay. And how's=

Esme: I mean, it's like a game once every two weeks, and there's like three games, unless you go on to win.

Carlos Flores: Yeah. And it's indoor one semester, and outdoor the other?

Esme: Yeah, indoor fall and outdoor spring.

Carlos Flores: Okay. And is it easy to find a team? Is it just word of mouth again?

Esme: Yeah, I'm in an organization, super big organization, [inaudible 00:01:41], and we have our own teams.

Carlos Flores: Okay. Wonderful. Well that's all the questions, honestly. Thank you so much.