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Carlos Flores: Not too much. The first three questions really go together. And the first one is when did you become aware of this sport? Like, when did you know soccer was a sport? Denise: I guess, since I was five, I started comprehending, watched more TV and I used to watch soccer with my dad. Carlos Flores: Okay, so your family's into soccer as well? Denise: Yeah. Carlos Flores: Okay. And when did you actually start playing? It doesn't have to be in a team. When did you start playing outside with your dad or? Denise: I guess when I was nine. Carlos Flores: When you were nine? Around-Denise: Around eight or nine. Carlos Flores: Okay so still young. Denise: Yeah.

Carlos Flores:	Okay, and were you on the team?
Denise:	Yes.
Carlos Flores:	At eight and nine?
Denise:	Yeah.
Carlos Flores:	Around that time? Wow. And have you been keeping up with soccer since then?
Denise:	Yeah.
Carlos Flores:	Have you been on teams?
Denise:	Playing since I had a great [inaudible 00:00:48] last year, [inaudible 00:00:53]
Carlos Flores:	Oh wow. Those were I think you're only six months, right?
Denise:	Well, it's like the [inaudible 00:01:02] who says [inaudible 00:01:02] five months history.
Carlos Flores:	Wow.
Denise:	I was doing rehab before surgery. I got surgery. They cleared me at nine months.
Carlos Flores:	Wow. That must have been tough.
Denise:	Yeah. [inaudible 00:01:16]
Carlos Flores:	Yeah, I had a friend who I played with in high school, he tore both of his acls in the same game. It was the worst. He was out for a year. But the last question, what keeps you playing soccer? You got injured, you've been playing since you were little but you got injured, and what brought you back?
Denise:	The passion.
Carlos Flores:	The passion? Okay, you just love the game of soccer?
Denise:	Yeah.
Carlos Flores:	Is it easy to play here around also? Like to find a team?
Denise:	Yeah, it is. You can basically play anywhere.
Carlos Flores:	Okay. Well, that's all the questions I have. Thank you so much. What was your?