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Michael Kahoe: Are you recording me? Is that what you're doing?

John Mckiernan-: Hi, uh my name is John Mckiernan-Gonzalez. I am at the Center for the Study of the Southwest. And I'm interviewing Michael-

Michael Kahoe: Kahoe.

John Mckiernan-: ... Kahoe. Captain of the Grass Stains. And uh, co-ed soccer player. First question, when did you first become aware of soccer?

Michael Kahoe: Um, I think I first became aware of soccer as a kid. I was probably about 10 or 11. And my mom enrolled me in the...the Y, and I played soccer then. Um, but I didn't like it. It was in El Paso and I remember I didn't like it. I didn't enjoy it. Uh, I was kind of shy so um, I played for a few games and that was it. It wasn't until later on, uh...go on...it wasn't until later on that, um, in I was about 29, 30, my friend Adam, uh, invited me to join a co-ed team.

Michael Kahoe: Um, and I really didn't know anything about soccer, um, and I started playing and I fell in love with it. Um, I really like it because I like to run and even though I didn't have a lot of skill, um, the running aspect, uh, it was appealing to me.

John Mckiernan-: So um, two questions.

John Mckiernan-: First is, between when you were 11 and you met Adam, um, what happened? You were in El Paso and then you ended up in Austin?

Michael Kahoe: Um, I was in El Paso 'til I graduated high school, uh, around 1991. Then I went to UT Austin. That's where I actually met Adam, uh, in the 90s. And...off and on going places, back to El Paso, New York City, um back to Austin, um, but I never...football was, American football was what I like. I really wasn't in to soccer yet.

John Mckiernan-: Did you play American football?

Michael Kahoe: Um, street football.

Michael Kahoe: (laughs)

Michael Kahoe: Just the set, that kind of thing and...

Speaker 3: I like football, too, but...

John Mckiernan-: So you started playing when you're 29, 30 co-ed, uh, what was different about co-ed soccer to you and why did you keep playing it?

Michael Kahoe: Um, the team aspect. It was just really...it was fun. It was enjoyable. It was fun, uh, with the community, the friends, the friendships that were created. I still friends with a lot of 'em. Um...gosh...going on 15, 16 years later. Um, and it's just...it's just fun, you know.

Michael Kahoe: It's...it's the...the competition is fun too and the recreation aspect is great.

John Mckiernan-: Um.

Michael Kahoe: But the sport became much more appealing to me over time, you know, I...I learned to love the game and learned to love the sport.

Michael Kahoe: Eventually so much that I ended up coaching it, at high school [inaudible 00:02:26].

John Mckiernan-: That was my next question. Are you coaching the Del Valle High School soccer team?

Michael Kahoe: Uh, I did. I'm not coaching it anymore. I'm not coaching anymore.

Michael Kahoe: But, I coached, uh, for seven years. Uh, two years coaching boys and five years coaching girls JV.

John Mckiernan-: Um, and has not anything changed in Austin soccer since you started playing?

Michael Kahoe: It's gotten bigger. It's gotten way bigger. More...more teams. More...more...the community gotten larger. Uh, more fields. Um, we're gonna have, looks like we're gonna have a...a pro team now, so it's...it's grown immensely, you know.

Michael Kahoe: And you recognize people all over town, like...I know you, I know you from indoor, I know you from this. Lots of new indoor fields. So it's just grown.

John Mckiernan-: Uh, wonderful, I'm signing off.

Michael Kahoe: Okay.

John Mckiernan-: Okay?

John Mckiernan-: Then...

Michael Kahoe: That's it?

John Mckiernan-: ...that's it and I'll probably [inaudible 00:03:13]