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John: Hi, my name is John Mckiernan-Gonzalez, and I am 50 years old. Today is Saturday, November 18th, 2017, and I'm speaking with Kerri Gleason, who is now Kerri Moran. She is an attacking midfielder on the Rebels. We are recording this interview at the Onion Creek Soccer Complex in Austin, Texas.

John: Kerri, when did you become aware of soccer.

Kerri: I'm the youngest of six kids, and we all play soccer, and the oldest sister is 12 years older than me. So for the past 40 years this family has been a soccer family. So I grew up playing soccer, watching soccer, and playing and watching soccer.

John: And When did you start playing soccer?

Kerri: As soon as I could walk, I started dribbling a soccer ball.

John: And, where did you grow up?

Kerri: Houston.

John: And where did you start playing organized soccer?

Kerri: Houston again. My parents had me in different recreational leagues. And I started playing with clubs and traveling. It was my life.

Kerri: I played varsity in college. I got offered to play at a college with full tuition and room and board, but it wasn't a college I wanted to get an education at, so I went to another school in Nashville. I still played, but school was my priority. After I graduated I moved to Chicago. I also played indoor. I played with a traveling club there. It's alright.

John:

Kerri: Yeah.

John: And how do you find soccer different here in Austin than in Chicago.

Kerri: I had been playing indoors a lot. When I moved here for grad school, I did school. So, then I decided that it's hard to find some big fields like this. I went online and found this team and I decided that it was good to play 45 minute halves again. And on grass, not on turf. . It's different. Very different.

John: What keeps you playing? What are the challenges to keep playing?

Kerri: The same thing. It's a family thing. I have a three month old and a three year old and I want them to have the family experience.

John: Yeah, got a call-