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Interviewer: Kasey Stovall

Interviewee: Cesar Limon

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Start time of interview: 10:36 A.M.

End time of interview: 10:49 A.M.

Location of Interview: JCK 1st Floor Lobby

Interview Topic: Interviewee's participation with soccer

Stovall: When did you first encounter soccer, where did you first start playing soccer?

Limon: As far back as I can remember I was 4 or 5 years old playing in the streets with my Uncles in Monterrey, Mexico. I would play in the streets with people from my neighborhood, I couldn't even count how many people, like 30-40 people. We would form 3-4 teams and switch when a team would get scored on with the teams that were waiting. We also would form one team and play other barrios, or neighborhoods. I played in middle school, high school, and some college. I also played semi-professional and professional in 1995 and 1996 for Monterrey FC and Habatos (which now have a different name). I came to San Antonio because they were supposedly starting a division 2 team but it fell through, so I decided to go to school.

Stovall: What kept you playing soccer?

Limon: Well my goal was to go professional, that's what I was going to be, a soccer player and that's how I was going to make my living. But, when I came over here it was too much politics and that steered me away from going professional so I just decided to play amateur and go to school.

Stovall: What obstacles have you faced in continuing to play soccer?

The first obstacle I encountered when trying to go professional was the area that I stayed in, San Antonio. In the 80s soccer, it wasn't popular at all. So, I either had to go Houston, Austin, Dallas or even better Mexico, which is what I did. I moved to Mexico for a couple of years to pursue that. But there wasn't any soccer here. Then, you know my parents would say I would never make a living off soccer, but my brothers helped me out a lot. But that was basically it my parents and being able to play in this area because at that time there wasn't many soccer clubs they were all amateur. There was an Austin league but it wasn't competitive it was mostly recreational.

Stovall: Has your participation in soccer changed?

Limon: It's less than I want it to be. I don't have enough time to actually do everything that I need to do, so soccer for now is a recreation for me. Also, injuries from when I was younger have kept me from playing. For instance, I haven't played in three weeks cause my knee has been hurting. Now, I play with a coed team, it's division 3 in Austin.

Stovall: Have you found places to play in San Marcos?

Limon: There used to be a lot of pickup games in San Marcos at Rio Vista for years and years. Till suddenly, the city would come and kick us out until we found somewhere else south. Every time we found a new spot they would come and kick us out. And now, I don't think there is pick up in San Marcos. We used to play by the soccer fields by the women's field, we got permission from athletics, and we got a new director and he kicked us out. San Marcos doesn't like soccer, it's mostly the city officials who kept getting us kicked us out.