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Interview Transcript: Via Email
John Lilly

John Lilly: "Hi Mrs. Harrell, my name is John Lilly and I am a sophomore at Texas State. I am taking a course called Honors Soccer and as part of this class we are supposed to interview someone who has been involved with the game of Soccer for a very long time. I have a few questions to ask you!

I also am a football player here at Texas State and have a very busy schedule, if it is alright with you, Emailing the questions to you and answering them back in an email works the best for me due to my lack of free time.

- When did you first encounter soccer?
- Where did you first start playing soccer?
- What kept you playing soccer?
- What obstacles have you faced in continuing to play soccer after high school
- How has your participation in soccer changed?

I also know that you play goalie and that is the position that I played and i had a few more questions about goalie!

- What made you choose to play goalie?
- what type of Goalie training did you go through over the course of you soccer career?
- To you, what is the most important role of being goalie?
- What is the hardest part of being a goalie?

Thank you so much for your time!!
-John Lilly “

Diana Harrell: “*Hi John,*

I'll be happy to answer your questions about the world's game! If it works for you, I'll send my answers to you by Monday.

Have a great weekend,

Diana”

Diana Harrell: “Hi John,

Here are the answers to the questionnaire. Please let me know if you need additional information or have any questions.

Have a great week,

Diana

- When did you first encounter soccer?

I first encountered soccer when our friend was enrolling his five-year old son in a youth league and suggested we do the same for our five-year old son.

- Where did you first start playing soccer?

I first started playing soccer in the Austin Women's Coed Soccer league after the coach of our son's U-6 soccer team quit coaching and I volunteered to step in. Since she was a player in the Austin Women's Soccer league, I asked if she could help me find a team to play with so that I might learn more about the sport I would be coaching. I started playing in a recreational league that summer. By the next year, I was playing on a women's team as well as a coed ed team. Within a few short years, I was not only involved as a player, but also as an administrator within the youth association and a captain within the women's and coed soccer leagues. I had the privilege of playing on the best women's team in Austin at the age of 38, after starting to play soccer when I was 33. That year my team, the Allies, won second place in the Women's Over-30 nationals competition. After tearing my ACL at state, I received word of the victory while recovering from knee surgery.

- What kept you playing soccer?

I LOVE the competition - winning the ball, making a great play, sending a perfect ball, seeing the opening, rippling the back of the net and celebrating a goal. I am also a fan of the social side of it - meeting and playing with new people all the time.

- What obstacles have you faced in continuing to play soccer after high school?

For me, the commitment of time, the unfortunate occurrences of injuries, and the inevitable aging process has created the biggest obstacles for me to continue to play.

- How has your participation in soccer changed?

I now only play coed and I only play once a week, instead of the sometimes nine games I managed per week in previous years.

- What made you choose to play goalie?

I really didn't choose to play keeper. I showed up to my women's game and the keeper wasn't there, so they put me in. It was my first year to play soccer and I knew very little about playing any position, much less keeper. We won that game, and I did make some stops, but the thing I came away with, the thing I remember the most, was how I felt when they scored - when I allowed the ball to go into the net. To me, that feeling is much stronger than the one you get when you put the ball in the net - and not in a good way.

- What type of Goalie training did you go through over the course of your soccer career?

All of my keeper training was mainly OJT. My husband has taught me a lot both from instruction and through watching many hours of the English Premier League, Dutch League, German League, and Spanish League games. We watch a lot of international competition, and have been known to wake up at 2 am to watch World Cup games until 6 am when we would have to get ready to go to work for the day.

- To you, what is the most important role of being goalie?

To give your team confidence and direction by playing soundly and having great judgement.

- What is the hardest part of being a goalie? You feel like every goal is your fault and the team's success rides on your shoulders!"

John Lilly: "Thank you so much!! i also have just a few more questions regarding permissions for me to use the interview:

- 1.) May I use the for educational and research purposes?
- 2.) May I include your name?
- 3.) Can it be included in a school publication or exhibit if it comes to that?
- 4.) May it be included in another educational, nonprofit publication or exhibit?
- 5.) May it be deposited in a local state or regional archive if it comes to that?

Just a yes or no answer to each is all i need and this will verify that you have given permission for me to use this interview in the above was. If you don't want it to be used in the above way it is of course okay to say no!

Again thank you so much for taking the time to answer the questions! once my season is over i am going to try to come see y'all's teams play!!

Thank you, John Lilly "

Diana Harrell:

"Hi John,

I'm glad I could help out!

2.) *May I include your name?*

YES

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YES

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YES

Our last game of the Fall season is this Sat. We then have a break until mid Feb., when the Spring season starts. You should come out then!

Diana

