

## ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

**MAIN ENTRY:** Stockton, Lisa

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**LOCATION OF INTERVIEW:** Lubbock, Texas

**INTERVIEWER:** Bill Tynan and Daniel U. Sánchez

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**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** Lisa Stockton was a member of the Wake Forest basketball team from 1983-84 through the 1985-86 season. Her family had a tradition of high school, college and semi-professional basketball excellence and much of their social activities revolved around basketball. After eleven years at Tulane she graduated 95-98% of her players. During the Fall semester of the 2005-06 school year Coach Stockton, her staff and players moved to Lubbock and the Texas Tech University campus where they spent the semester recovering from the devastation that Hurricane Katrina caused to the Tulane Campus in New Orleans. This interview was conducted in the United Spirit Arena's women's basketball offices two months after the team arrived in Lubbock.

### ABSTRACT:

#### CD ONE

#### TIME STAMP

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#### Early Years

Graduated Western Guilford, N. C. High School in 1982  
Always been interested in athletics  
Parents met while playing semi-pro basketball  
Textile League teams led the AAU girls basketball  
North Carolina men led the nation in basketball  
Played for good, enthusiastic coaches in her early years

Never saw a six-man girls' basketball game  
Mom was a 6-man rover  
Coach Wanda Briley brought her to Wake Forest and the ACC  
Stockton excelled in AAU track during high school  
Threw shotput and discus, ran 800 and long-jumped 0:10

#### College Days

Exercise and Sports Science student.  
Liked her professors  
Building Wake Forest program was frustrating and exciting  
Defeating Maryland, a top five team is a huge memory  
Women played games on-campus in old gym  
Worked at many girls basketball camps in the summers  
Choose grad school over post-college basketball opportunities  
Passed on opportunity to play basketball in Spain  
At 23, graduated with masters and went straight into coaching  
Became head coach at Division III Greenville N.C. College  
Turned out to be a great move for her  
Stayed for three years 0:20

#### Major College Basketball Coaching

Took job at Georgia Tech as recruiting coordinator  
Georgia Tech man's and women's basketball were on an equal level  
Moving to Tulane was similar to Wake Forest days  
Kevin White was the AD at Tulane  
He hired Stockton  
It was a great fit for her  
Loved the atmosphere at Tulane  
Moving team to Texas Tech was her biggest challenge  
Before that, her first team was a big challenge  
Sandy Barber, as women's AD, was her biggest helper  
Sandy helped her grow as a person  
Travel was first class: drove to close games flew to others  
Women's basketball is better now than ever before 0:30

#### Women's basketball

Players are more talented now  
The skill level improves as the years pass  
Her assistants are good recruiters  
High school recruits have more opportunities today  
Women's basketball gets more exposure today  
More competition makes things better  
Texas high school coaches do a good job drilling their players  
Stockton votes for top 25 team polls  
Also speaks at coaching conventions  
NCAA does a good job running the women's championship tourney

Women's basketball (continued)

NCAA basketball does a better job than NCAA baseball does  
Enjoys playing at arenas with a great environment  
She relishes enthusiastic fans in the stands  
Texas Tech and Stanford were good places to play 0:40  
Texas Tech has the nicest college arena her teams have played in  
Playing against great women's coaches is a tremendous experience  
Women tend to teach at their conventions or tournaments  
Men tell war stories at their conventions and tournaments  
New Orleans Sports Council did a great job sponsoring the Final Four  
Stockton does not get too caught up in her success 0:50

International Basketball

Has not gotten too involved in it  
Doesn't want to take six weeks time away from her team  
Tulane likes to travel to out-of-country tournaments  
They have taken a trip to Europe that was enjoyable

NCAA Women's Basketball

There are no "gimmie games" on anybody's schedule these days  
Expects both NCAA tournaments to expand beyond 64 teams  
Keep the rules the way they are now  
If it's not broken, don't change it

Took a summer team trip to Belgium, France and Germany

The players stayed in private homes  
It was a much better experience than taking a travel agents tour  
They played a team in Frankfurt  
One of the players was from Germany  
The team stayed with her parents 1:00

Future Career Ambitions

Opportunities exist for third coach and operations assistantS  
Wake Forest would not be the right place to move to now

Does not keep scrapbooks, but that is a great idea for fans to do

Does not have a booster club

Hurricane Katrina and its impact on their program

After the hurricane hit, the Texas schools really stepped up  
Texas Tech's president was really tremendous  
Players and coaches arrived in Lubbock 24-hours after deciding to move  
Marsha Sharp and her staff were tremendous  
Vouchers to buy clothing were donated  
The NCAA lifted the prohibition about accepting gifts 1:10

Comments on her time at Texas Tech

The girls stayed in Tech dorms  
She and her staff live in apartments  
Campus Police gave the girls bicycles to use  
The girls had to get used to walking to class on the Tech campus  
Displacement forced changes to their (2005-06 season) schedule  
The LSU game will now be played at Baton Rouge  
They are going to pay our way back home to New Orleans  
Her team seems to be bonding together rather than falling apart  
The girls are not in very good playing condition  
The staff is bonded closer than ever now  
She is proud of her team, they see the reality of their situation  
The reality of the destruction in the New Orleans area is overwhelming

Stockton's athletic career at Wake Forest

Wake Forest was not very competitive in the ACC  
In retrospect, her career at Wake Forest gets better  
She started for four years and set many records (for that time)  
The team had its best record her senior year  
Scholarship discrepancy amongst ACC schools  
Early years at Wake Forest  
Freshman year, she grew up and learned a lot  
She saw the game from a coaches perspective  
After freshman year she became more confident in her role  
Now, the intensity level and physicality are different

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Coaching

She learned from the good and bad coaches she played for  
Coaches have different philosophies  
They steal other coaches' philosophies for themselves  
Tulane coaches sit in on Marsha Sharp's practices  
The time at Texas Tech is like a sabbatical studying Marsha's team

Training and injury prevention

Doctors at Tulane are studying strength training and women's injuries  
Trying to discover how to avoid injuries

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Interview ends

**DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT:** 1964

**GENDER OF INFORMANT:** Female

**ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT:**