

## ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

**MAIN ENTRY:** Wortham, Richard

**DATE OF INTERVIEW:** July 1, 2010

**LOCATION OF INTERVIEW:** Lubbock, Texas

**INTERVIEWER:** Daniel Sanchez

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**IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:**

**LENGTH OF INTERVIEW:** 52 minutes

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** Richard Wortham, former baseball player for University of Texas (UT) was a 2010 inductee into the College Baseball Foundation's Hall of Fame. He talks about his career first as a college baseball player and then as a professional player.

### ABSTRACT:

FILE	TIME STAMP
Background	0:00
Born at Odessa, Texas	
Family background	
Sibling's occupation	
Recollections of childhood	
Sporting activities	
Differences in sports now and then	
Leagues he was part of	
Positions he played	
Level of competition	
Playing during junior high and high school	0:10
Evolution of his pitch	
About his favorite catcher	
Recruitment by colleges	
Colleges that approached him	

Reasons he chose University of Texas

First semester at UT

Advantages of being in athletics

Influences

Major in business administration

Differences in playing tactics

Freshman year

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Initial wins

About his injury

Team won the Southwest Conference Championship

Played at Omaha, Nebraska

Sophomore year

Played at Central America

Contracted Pneumonia

Played at Omaha

People who supported him

Description of the accident in his junior year

Post-accident recollections

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Adjustments to his playing tactics

Team won the national title

Most of the team drafted

About his coach

Memories of the national championship game

Awards and recognition

Drafted by Chicago White Socks

Reasons he choose to go there

Various sporting events he was part of

Achievements of his pro-career

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Scores and tactics

Things he misses

Recollections of Rosenblatt stadium

Views on being inducted in hall of fame

Interview ended

**DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT:** 1953

**GENDER OF INFORMANT:** Male

**ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT:**