



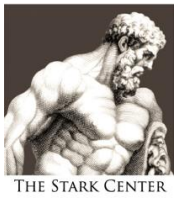
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Jody Conradt Collection, 1958-2017

Abstract

The Jody Conradt collection document the career, milestones, and major events in the life of Jody Conradt, the winningest coach in UT Women's Basketball history. Materials include documentation of Jody Conradt's high school basketball career, her correspondence with former and current players, articles and correspondence she has saved over the years, as well as artifacts related to her work with the US Olympic Development Program and her community service around Central Texas.



Size of Collection:	13 Bankers boxes, 5 scrapbook boxes, 1 oversize box (21 Linear Feet)
Creator:	Conradt, Jody
Acquisition Info:	Gift of Jody Conradt, 2018.
Accruals:	Accruals are expected.
Custodial History:	Collection was acquired from Jody Conradt.
Language(s):	English.
Processed By:	Zacharia Benalayat, Brady Cox, Samantha Lowrance, and Alejandra Martinez, 2018.
Conservation Notes:	Time permitting, relevant newspaper articles should be scanned on to acid-free paper and the originals should be removed.

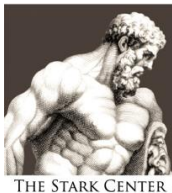
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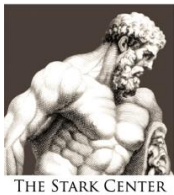
Not Applicable.

Location of Copies

Digital copies of the majority of newspaper articles can be found on the *Austin American-Statesman* digital archives at newspapers.org and digital copies of articles in other papers may be available at the Austin Public Library website or on the respective newspaper's website.

Other Finding Aids

Additional materials related to Jody Conradt can be found in the UT Women's Basketball and Intercollegiate Athletics Collection, 1976-2006, which is held at the H.J. Lutcher Stark Center for Physical Culture and Sports.



BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

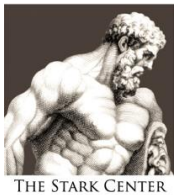
Addie Jo “Jody” Conrardt was born in Goldthwaite, Texas, on May 13, 1941, to Ann and Charles Conrardt. She played basketball at Goldthwaite High School where she averaged 40 points per game. Conrardt attended Baylor University (Waco, Texas) where she earned a B.S. in Physical Education in 1963. While attending Baylor she played for the Baylor women’s basketball team and averaged 20 points per game. Following graduation, Conrardt took a job as a teacher and assistant girls basketball coach at Midway High School (Waco, Texas). She completed an M.S. in Physical Education at Baylor in 1969.

Conrardt took her first collegiate coaching job at Sam Houston State University (Huntsville, Texas) where she served as the coach of the women’s basketball team during their first three seasons as a team (1969–1973). She was also in charge of the volleyball and track teams. She then took a position at The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) as the women’s athletic director. She also served as the women’s volleyball coach, women’s softball coach, and the women’s basketball coach (1973–1976).

The most well-known phase of Conrardt’s career, her tenure as head women’s basketball coach at UT from 1976-2007, proved to be historic. In response to Title IX, The University of Texas at Austin (UT) created a separate women’s athletic department in 1975. Donna Lopiano was the Athletic Director at UT and she hired Conrardt to serve as coach for both the women’s basketball team and women’s volleyball teams in 1976. Conrardt coached volleyball for two seasons, and then focused solely on women’s basketball. During Conrardt’s tenure, Texas was ranked no. 1 in the nation for four straight years (1982–1983 to 1986–1987). The team went undefeated in Southwest Conference play during this period, and in 1986 the team won the NCAA national championship. They team went undefeated (34–0) during the 1985–1986 season. Conrardt’s time in Austin during these years helped cement her reputation as one of the pioneers of the sport.

Conrardt began to serve UT in a dual role as both women’s basketball coach and women’s athletic director in 1992. She resigned as women’s athletic director in 2001 and refocused her efforts on her role as head coach of the women’s basketball team. Between 2001–2007, the UT women’s basketball team earned their first three Big 12 championships, finished in the top 10 during the 2002–2003 and 2003–2004 seasons, and gained a no. 2 seed (2003) and no. 1 seed (2004) in the NCAA Championship brackets. UT came close to playing in the national championship in 2003 but lost 71–69 to the University of Connecticut in the Final Four semifinals.

Conrardt was the first women’s basketball coach to reach 700 wins. She did this on December 18, 1997, against Northwestern University. She achieved her 800th win on January

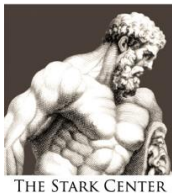


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22, 2003, against Texas Tech University, and her 900th win on March 6, 2007, against the University of Missouri. At the time, this milestone placed Conradt and Pat Summit (University of Tennessee) as the only coaches in men's or women's college basketball history to reach 900 wins, thus making Conradt one of the winningest coaches in the history of the sport.

Conradt has received many honors during her career. She was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame (Denton, Texas) in 1986, the International Women's Sports Hall of Fame (New York City, New York) in 1995, and the Texas Sports Hall of Fame (Waco, Texas) in 1998. In October of 1998 she was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame (Springfield, Massachusetts), becoming the second women's basketball coach to receive this honor. Conradt was a member of the inaugural class of inductees into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (Knoxville, Tennessee) in 1999, and the inaugural class of the UT Women's Athletics Hall of Honor in 2000 (Austin, Texas). Additionally, she was inducted into the International Scholar-Athlete Hall of Fame at the Institute for International Sport (Providence, Rhode Island) in 2003. In 2010 she was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Association Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (Kansas City, Missouri).

After a storied thirty-one-year career working at UT, Conradt retired in 2007. However, Conradt has continued to serve as special assistant to UT's Women's Athletics department as of 2018. In addition to her coaching, Conradt is well known for her community work. Specifically, through raising money for scholarships through the Neighborhood Longhorns Program, promoting organizations such as Coaches vs. Cancer, the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure, America's Walk for Diabetes, and SafePlace—an Austin shelter for domestic violence victims. In 2003, she was awarded the Harvey Penick Award for Excellence in the Game of Life by Caritas, an organization based in Austin that specializes in fighting poverty and hunger.



SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The materials in this collection date from 1958–2017, with the bulk of the materials documenting the mid-1990s through 2007. The materials document Conrads work with women’s athletics from the beginning of her career through her retirement with the majority of the documents pertaining to her time at The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) and The University of Texas at Austin (UT). The scrapbooks include information about her coaching career in softball, volleyball, and basketball at UTA, but most of the materials concern Conrads work as a coach with the UT women’s basketball team.

The documents consist primarily of newspaper clippings, magazines, correspondence, and scrapbooks related to Conrads time as a coach, administrator, and special assistant with women’s athletics both at The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) and The University of Texas at Austin (UT). The collection also includes small artifacts, one floppy disk (2002–2003) and large poster. These documents and artifacts help provide insight into Conrads life as a coach, public figure, and philanthropist. This collection brings to life Jody Conrads relationships with her fans, friends, family, and the deep, personal bond between Conrads and her team. These materials were chosen by Conrads to be preserved in her personal collection, and they represent critical moments in her life and career. Many of the newspaper clippings and articles are from the *Austin American Statesman*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Daily Texan*, and *Goldthwaite Eagle*. Additionally, there is a large amount of correspondence received from friends and fans between 2003–2007 noting multiple milestones that occurred during this time period, including Conrads reaching her 800th win (2003), the team’s Final Four loss to the University of Connecticut (2003), her 900th win (2006), and her retirement (2007).

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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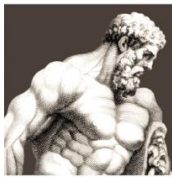
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1973-1974	1	3
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Series 3: The University of Texas at Austin, 1976-2007

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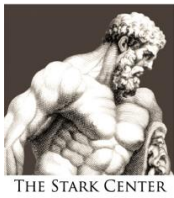
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Subject Headings

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Big 12 Conference
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Conradt, Jody
Golf for women
Jody Conradt Endowed Presidential Scholarship
Lopiano, Donna
National Collegiate Athletic Association
NCAA Basketball Tournament
NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Tournament -- 1986 -- Championship -- University of Texas at Austin vs. University of Southern California
NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Tournament -- 2003 -- Final Four -- University of Texas at Austin vs. University of Connecticut
Olympic Games (22nd : 1980 : Moscow, Russia)
Pan American Games (10th : 1987 : Indianapolis, Ind.)
Plonsky, Chris
Schreiber, Heather
Smith, Annette
Smith, Pat
Southwest Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
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University of Connecticut Basketball

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University of Texas at Austin -- Basketball

University of Texas at Austin, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics

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Volleyball for women

Women's Basketball Hall of Fame

Women's National Basketball Association