Project 3: Interview and Transcription of a Frisbee Player

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42.48 – experienced players vs. inexperienced players

43.10 – rating your self
Interviewer: {14.08} How did you make the move from the east coast out here [laughing] would you say Frisbee or disc sports in general I guess influenced you at all? Were you in (.) in the hunt for better weather?

Player: I was in the hunt for …. no ha ha ha … it was so random, it wasn't … but you know when I came out here, cause I was on vacation, I just … I was just like this is where I want to be, this is interesting and then, and since then … San Diego's an interesting culture because its definitely kind of small town you know its really...Well first of all the community is small even though it’s a large geographic [city] and uhhmm ((clears throat)) its pretty … yea there's a lot of people here heh . It's still very small I mean you just, you know, you always meet people.

Relaxed Transcription:

Section 1: Frisbee Community

Interviewer: {14.08} How did you make the move from the east coast out here [laughing] would you say Frisbee or disc sports in general I guess influenced you at all? Were you in (.) in the hunt for better weather?
Especially, I’m going to talk about tech community a little bit I mean(.) In the tech community oh my gosh… {15.10} you can’t burn bridges** ... (Haha)

Interviewer: You can’t burn bridges?

Player: Yea, I mean everyone knows everyone.

Interviewer: What does that mean?

Player: It means that you have to ... you know ... even though you're pissed off at your boss and you hate the job and you’re leaving you can't tell him you hate him and you hate this job.

Interviewer / Player: [Heh Ha Ha]

Player: But getting back to the community part I mean that’s why I also think ... look at … look at Ultimate here ((clears throat)) I mean ... pretty much so....the same people play at the same pick up games for the most part unless you happen to randomly come cross like the group we came across you know... uhmm …

Interviewer: so everyone kind of has their own niche?

Player: I think so….

Interviewer: Or is it more like a niche sport...?

Player: Yea. I'd think so ... don’t you? Because even so it’s … you know…. when I talk about it like if I say I play ultimate they assume its disc golf. I think … I think disc golf is better known than ultimate... Why though? Isn’t it crazy?

Interviewer: Uhmm …
Player: Or is our perception just clouded because we actually have a couple of disc golf courses in San Diego and people know about that you know …

Interviewer: Disc golf, it’s like a cheap date right?

Player: Right that’s a good point! What are you trying to say? (Haha Ha)

Interviewer: Ultimate … it takes more time I guess … more time investment. Someone showed me a picture of Ultimate Frisbee but it was actually disc golf and I was offended by it.

Player: YEA EXACTLY! I feel the same way because Ultimate is so much more active … its ... it requires so much more in terms of endurance and skill {17.00} I think, you see me saying that ... I mean...yea because you're not throwing at an object that’s stationary you are throwing at moving with a person trying to with someone ...with two people trying to stop you and you and you know your offensive person or the offensive people so yea and that it just that bugs me ... heh … what is it? It’s weird. {17.15}

Section 2: Getting Involved and Staying Involved

Interviewer: {34.20} So ... how do players get involved, how do you attract more players to the sport... most players, from what I’ve seen start in college ... there’s still no pop warner leagues but somehow it still attracts players and these players stay in the game many years... right?
Player: Right uhhmmm, yea ... yea! That’s actually, I think that’s a unique think about the sport right? People who play ... well you see that in basketball too though ... people will play pickup and stuff like that.

Interviewer: Right if ... if they played in high school or college or whatever then they'll still play when their older … I've seen that.

Player: Yea but football you don’t see that.

Interviewer: Right cause they have head injuries heh and concussions and stuff.

Player: Right that sport is insane. {35.28} I'm just like watch- I mean I'm thinking about the times that I've been knocked on the ground or you know ... I mean the worst thing that’s happened to me is I like got whiplashed, I twisted my ankle and something happened to my rib when I went to D a disc on a guy and he slammed into me and it was like WHOA! ha ha ha ha [right] and that wasn't I mean that sss-- you know that was bad. We stopped the game, we just quit at that point but uhhhhh but you know you look at that and compare it to the people playing football its like Jesus!

Interviewer: That’s why football is so popular cause people like to see the huge speed, the like big guys.

Player: The thing is they don’t look like they're running fast ha ha ha ha the problem is that they all run that fast.

Interviewer: Right it’s all relevant.

P: Right exactly! ha ha yea how do you know how fast they're running?

I: I've seen their combine times its like four point four seconds per forty meters that’s like 10 yards a second
Player: Wow that’s really fast. The other thing is that people fall off the other sports from high school and ….

Interviewer: Ultimate is what catches them?

Player: YEA! I played like soccer for like a little bit in college and uhh …. I just was just like forget it.

Interviewer: it wasn’t for you?

Player: It wasn’t for me but going back to my comments about the whole idea of what I said about hand eye coordination I think that’s part of it you know? I think um …. what else I’m trying to remember how I started … I actually … you know what … I will never forget that it was so crazy … so this is interesting this guy he’s been playing for years and I was his team and I remember we like lost everything its like ughh!! All the people didn’t know what they were doing got onto one team and uh we had such a good time though and he’s, he played last year he (.) he played last year he’s been playing forever that guy I don’t know how old he is. He’s 68 or something up there.

Interviewer: Yea, wow. So you had a – at this tournament you had a good experience?

Player: Yea I had a great experience yea so uhh. So I started to play and I was like yea I think I really like this and then I realized how important cleats were and I went out and got cleats and I was like ok heheh.

Interviewer: Yea I’ve seen players without cleats they are just like I don’t wanna do it I don’t wanna commit money but it helps a lot actually.
Player: Well for me it wasn’t so much the money it was kind of like what is the statement I am making by doing this you know heh heh. It’s like yea but you absolutely need them. I think people are crazy when they don’t

Interviewer: When they don’t have cleats? Yeah.

Player: And you can injure yourself! It’s bad for your knees. It’s so bad

Interviewer: people get injured people have knee problems and torn ACL’s and stuff {39.50}

Player: There’s this guy who literally he um he’s an amazing player he tore his ACL years ago and I know that he didn’t have the money to get it repaired and then he would still play.

Interviewer: That’s dedication right there.

Player: There are people like that out there. Well you know its addicting you gotta get your fix. I don’t know why is that, that’s the question I have heh haha. It’s very interesting yea if you see someone throw very well its like ohhh it’s awesome. {41.20}
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