

**ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION**

**MAIN ENTRY:** Hess, Wallace  
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**INTERVIEWER:** David Marshall  
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**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** Wallace Hess discusses his early life and the desire to work in the medical field, as well as his beginning to work with athletes in Texas Tech's athletic department. He expresses his personal perspectives on relationship among coaches, players and team medical staff.

**ABSTRACT:**

**CD ONE**

**TIME STAMP**

Background information

0:00

Born in grandparent's house  
Father in the World War One  
Railroad industry  
Father's family came from Germany to Nebraska  
Father's experience fighting Germans in WWI  
Not sure about mother's side of the family ancestry  
Aunt worked in University of Texas' Ph.D. program  
Family established Abilene Christian University  
Mother's maiden name  
Born July 11, 1922  
Had one brother  
Brother served in Japan  
Father re-married

Education

0:18

Public education  
Lab courses in high school  
Air Force base

Got discharged to go to medical school  
Navy Reserve medical program  
Got accepted by Baylor Medical School  
Penicillin

Medical School 0:30

Internship years  
Assignment in the hospital  
Graduated 1946  
Salary during internship  
Got a car from brother in-law  
Interest in world view  
First open chest surgery  
Preference in family practice

Worked with athlete 0:47

Considered becoming a team doctor  
Encouragement from different sides of the family  
Standardized the approach of dealing with injury  
Protocol to protect athlete  
Confronted coaches concerning a team member's injury  
Sports Medicine  
Doctor Marvin  
E. J. Holub  
Renaming Monterey High School  
Transition in one season  
Water intake during the game  
Reason for not having water during the game  
Authority over athletes' health condition  
Gator Bowl  
Bobby Cavazos

Border Conference and Southwest Conference 01:11

Game in Arizona  
Learned football rules from E. J. Holub  
New rules and new regulations in Southwest Conference  
Knowledge acquired from medical school concerning athletic injury  
Border conference's influence on facemask rule  
Period of Big 12 Conference  
Positions verses injuries  
Neck injuries verses the type of tackle  
Members of the Southwest Conference

Sports medicines characteristics 01:25

Coaches' concern for money and penalty  
Three major principles in sports medicine

Example of a full-back's injury which lead to death  
 Sports medicine should be safety oriented  
 Other goals of sports medicine  
 Comparison of the safety condition of athletes now and then  
 Learn from mistakes  
 Improvement in theory of athletes' safety

High School football 01:37  
 Medical and training conditions  
 Influence from the pop culture on football players  
 Sequence of training  
 Liability issue  
 Record keeping system

Organization of Southwest Conference 01:45  
 Consistency within the Conference  
 Comparison with a colleague from Ohio State  
 Robert J. Murphy  
 Similar position and similar organization  
 Pride of the home team  
 Objective needed in cooperation  
 "Captain" in sports medicine research

Evolution in football management 01:55  
 Expectation and money  
 Different stadiums to play football  
 The duty of athletic directors in a program  
 Frequent coaching changes within a short period of time  
 The hierarchy of the priority in management  
 Things that need to be done

**CD TWO**

**TIME STAMP**

Relationship with the coaches 0:00  
 Switching from one administration to another  
 Most effective decision  
 J. D. Kings  
 Distribution of responsibility  
 Polk Robinson  
 Mentality of a country boy  
 Great philosophers

Understand the people and human personalities 0:16  
 Intelligent level of the quarterback in a team  
 Highly motivated personalities

Donny Anderson  
Attitude problem  
Tackles and offensive line  
Team captain solution

Different individual personalities 0:26  
Jack Henry's performance in the team  
Jack Henry's life after football career  
Highly specialized personnel  
Result-oriented training  
A game in Kansas  
Introverted personality  
Turning point of team performance  
2004 season basketball team  
One experience running with the coach

Direct interaction between team doctor and team players 0:46  
Referral for students to surgeons  
Suggestions for students  
Attitude problem of the players  
Other medical personnel's learning process from team doctors  
The connection between the doctors and the athletes  
Building up trust

**DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT:** 1922

**GENDER OF INFORMANT:** Male

**ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT:**