Making History (Y)Our Own: Augmentation of the Smithsonian Exhibition Hometown Teams through Digital Means

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Overview

- How we engaged the community
- How we represented the community
- Digital logistics
The Rio Grande Valley and its Community
The Exhibition

“Hometown sports are more than just games—they shape our lives and unite us and celebrate who we are as Americans.”

- Museum on Main Street
What are the best ways to represent the community?
Community Representation

- Sports stories from the region
- Stories based in local culture or traditions
- Changes in sports in the community
- Star local players and/or championship teams
- Regional sports teams or leagues
- Unique takes to well known (or not so well known) sports
What are the most important ways to represent *this* community?
What are the most important ways to present to this community?
4 Determining Decisions
Collaborations
Bilingual webpages/Páginas de web bilingües
Oral Histories from sports figures in the Rio Grande Valley
Share Your Stories

Welcome to the UTRGV Hometown Teams Share your Stories page. Here we are gathering stories, images, and memories from the Rio Grande Valley, including testimonials, photographs, programs, and videos from the community to feature in our upcoming exhibition.

The UTRGV Hometown Teams digital exhibition deals with the impact of sports in American communities, and submissions to the UTRGV archive should follow a theme related to sports in the RGV. We welcome any format of these memories, as long as they are related to sports in some way. Have a great memory of a sporting event you’d like to share? A photograph, box score, or other artifact related to a game? Perhaps you’ve got a recording of a corrido, or a tailgate party in which you took part? All these and more are welcome submissions.

☐ I’d like to volunteer to be interviewed for an oral history.
Name:  

What method of contact do you prefer?
Welcome to UT RGV Hometown Teams. Use the menu links above to navigate through our items, exhibitions, and interactive materials.

If you are interested in contributing your story about sports in the Rio Grande Valley check out our Share Your Stories section.

Para escuchar haga click aquí.

This exhibition is brought to you by the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley’s Special Collections and Archives in collaboration with the Smithsonian Institute and Texas State Historical Association.
Final Statistics

During Exhibition (July - Sept)

Users: 440
Unique Users: 421
Sessions: 708
Page Views: 4793
Thank you

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