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- Basketball Alumni 1979 to 1982; this also included the opening of the Sun Dome and the impact it had on the university and the community.
- Began attending the University of South Florida in 1979.
- Grew up in Port Chester, New York.
- Describes his introduction to the university and the recruiting and scouting system.
- Describes the academic and campus life of the University of South Florida during the 1980s.
- Graduated with a B.A. in Sociology once his playing season was completed.
- Describes the complexities of being a student athlete.
- Chip Connor was the head coach of USF's basketball team during his tenure.
- He goes into great detail about his experience as a USF basketball player, and describes many specific games.
- Wrote the book *A Raging Bull: Chasing the Big Time*, which is about the history of the USF basketball program.
- Goes into great detail about the university's Athletic Department history, as well as the basketball program's history.
- In April of 1980 Lee Rose signed on to become head coach of the USF Basketball team, and he describes the impact of his new position.
- The second game in the USF Sun Dome was the dedication game against Duke University in which Coach Mike Krzyewski of Duke, made his first road game.
- Created the USF Sports Week on WUSF.