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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ALEX MORGAN, et al.,)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.) 2:19-cv-01717-RGK-AGR
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UNITED STATES SOCCER)
FEDERATION, INC.,)
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Defendant.)
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DEPOSITION OF CARLI LLOYD
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Friday, December 20, 2019

Reported by:
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JOB NO. 172871

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. And what do you mean that
3 in the national team -- well, do you know what
4 was meant about the statement that in the
5 national team you only play against U16 boys
6 team?

7 A. Yes. I said it was hard to play
8 against a very good U16 boys team, due to
9 genetics of them being bigger, stronger and
10 faster.

11 Q. All right. You do play against
12 men at the Universal Soccer Academy, correct?

13 A. I am currently training with, yes,
14 the U18 boys team.

15 Q. Okay. All right. Do any other
16 women train with that boys team?

17 A. Yes. Julie Ertz does as well.

18 Q. Okay. All right.

19 Then let's take a look at the next
20 page. The next exhibit.

21 (Lloyd Exhibit 15, e-mail dated
22 August 31, 2015 bearing production
23 numbers MORGAN_0048583 through
24 MORGAN_0048586, marked for
25 identification as of this date.)

1 BY MR. FINKEL:

2 Q. Showing you what's been marked as
3 Exhibit 15. After you've finished reviewing
4 this can you let me know.

5 (Document review.)

6 A. All right.

7 Q. All right. You were asked the
8 question -- question number 5, "The women's US
9 soccer team has much more successes than the
10 men's team. What do you think is the reason
11 for that?"

12 And you answered, "It's a
13 different game. We have always been dominant
14 because of athleticism and fitness. But the
15 world is catching up and the gap is closing on
16 us. We now need to be more skillful and more
17 sophisticated with our play."

18 Is that how you answered that
19 question?

20 A. I don't think I really technically
21 answered the question because I didn't think I
22 wanted to say that the men's team hasn't
23 really been too successful compared to us.

24 Q. Well, what did you mean by it's a
25 different game?

1 A. It's different. Men's -- it's
2 different in the sense that men are bigger,
3 stronger, faster. That's their makeup.
4 There's no -- there's no denying science in
5 that regard. If you take those factors away,
6 currently I'm playing with the U18 boys team.
7 They're challenging me. It's good for me.
8 It's good for my game. But I am the most
9 skillful player there. So if you take their
10 speed and athleticism and their strength away,
11 it's the same game.

12 Q. Okay. And is that the U18 -- the
13 U18 boys team that you're training with, is
14 that a national team?

15 A. No, it's an academy team.

16 Q. What's an academy team?

17 A. It's just the Medford Strikers
18 academy team.

19 Q. Okay. So it's a local team made
20 up of some good players, right?

21 A. Yeah. It's just U18 boys.

22 Q. All the players are from the
23 Medford, New Jersey area?

24 A. I don't know. I don't know where
25 they're from. I just show up and train.

1 They're from all over.

2 Q. Do you know if they draw players
3 nationally?

4 A. What do you mean?

5 Q. Well, does that team include
6 anyone from outside the New Jersey or greater
7 Philadelphia area?

8 MS. SPANGLER: Objection. Calls
9 for speculation.

10 A. I show up and train. I'm not
11 sure.

12 Q. In other words, you don't know.

13 A. They could be from PA. They could
14 be from Delaware. I have no idea.

15 Q. Okay. All right.

16 And the next question was -- is
17 number 6. And it says "The men's world
18 champions are Germany. If an exhibition game
19 was to be held between the USA women's team
20 and the Germany men's team, what would be the
21 score like, in your opinion? Is there a
22 monumental difference between women's and
23 men's soccer or would you be able to compete
24 well with them?"

25 And you answered, "It would be

1 extremely hard to play against Germany. Men
2 are faster and stronger. We often play
3 against U16 boys teams and that is about as
4 old as we can go."

5 I read that correctly, right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. That was the answer you gave?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. Looks like you -- you know,
10 you said it would be extremely hard to play
11 against Germany. You were asked what would,
12 in your opinion, the score would be.

13 Do you have an opinion on what the
14 score would be?

15 A. I have no idea.

16 Q. Okay. All right.

17 Do you think the Women's National
18 Team could beat the German men's team?

19 A. I'm not sure.

20 Q. You wrote men are faster and
21 stronger, right?

22 A. Yeah. If you take those away,
23 yeah, it would be a contest.

24 Q. And it says, "We often times play
25 against U16 boys and that is about as old as