

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

PRIMARY SOURCE

BOOKS

King, Billie Jean, and Starr, Cynthia, *We Have Come A Long Way: The Story of Women's Tennis*, McGraw Hill, New York, New York, 1988.

This book by Billie Jean King on the history of women's tennis was extremely helpful. As Billie Jean King was a member of the Original Nine women professional tennis players who created the Virginia Slim Circuit, her own words are very important. In addition, this book that Billie Jean King wrote had great history of all women who played tennis before her, going back to the 19th Century. I relied heavily on this book in understanding the past history of women's tennis and how the Original Nine got organized and pushed back on the tennis executives who did not want to pay women tennis players the same as men tennis players.

King, Billie Jean, *All In*, Alfred A. Knopf, 2021.

This more recent autobiography by Billie Jean King was also very helpful as she covers the work that the Original Nine did to create the Virginia Slim Circuit and what women tennis professionals were dealing with in the 1970s as well as her famous match with Bobby Riggs. Plus, Ms. King discusses the Title IX statute that was passed in 1972 to help women and girls to be equal in sports and schools.

Heldman, Julie, *Driven: A Daughter's Odyssey*, Julie Heldman Copyright, August 2018. On Amazon.

This Original Nine member's book gives insight growing up as the daughter of Gladys Heldman, founder of "World Tennis" magazine and a driving force in the foundation of the Virginia Slims Tour in the early 1970s, the precursor of today's WTA Tour. This book gave me a detailed perspective of this amazing woman, Gladys Heldman, who greatly helped the Original Nine to push back against the tennis executive for allowing women to be paid equal to men. The book shows how complex Gladys Heldman was based on the memory of her daughter who was one of the Original Nine.

DOCUMENTARY

Walter, Rosalind P. "American Masters: Billie Jean King." PBS. PBS, September 10, 2013. Web. September 9, 2014.

This documentary from 2014 about Billie Jean King on PBS was very helpful in understanding Billie Jean King's view of creating the Virginia Slims Circuit and rebel against the tennis executives who didn't want to pay women tennis players the same as men's tennis players. In this documentary, Billie Jean King and many others, were

interviewed about the turning points in the fight for women's equality in tennis. This documentary also gave me insight into how Billie Jean King saw her battle with Bobby Riggs which was right around the time she and the Original Nine created the Virginia Slims Circuit. This documentary also features archival photos and footage, and original interviews with Judy Dalton, Rosie Casals, Larry King, Billie Jean King and Julie Heldman.

INTERVIEWS

“Pioneer Billie Jean King Moved the Baseline for Women's Tennis.” Interview by Dave Davies. NPR National Public Radio, January 31, 2014. Web. October 7, 2014.

This was an interview with Billie Jean King. This interview gave me background on what it was like to be a young girl in the 50s and 60s. It also gave me information on the early life of Billie Jean King, and how there weren't many opportunities for women in sports. This interview also gave me King's perspective on how badly women were treated in tennis in the early 60s.

“Title IX at 40: An Interview with Billie Jean King.” Interview by Martha Burk. HuffPost Sports. Huffington Post, June 20, 2012. Web. October 13, 2014.

This source was an interview with Billie Jean King. She talked about how important Title IX was for women's equality. She also talked about where she would like to see women's sports ten years from now. This gave me a vision of what King would like women's sports to look like; she wants more professional opportunities for women in sports.

“Billie Jean King Discusses Title IX Fifty Years Later.” Interviewed by Andrea Mitchell. NBC News, June 22, 2022. Web: <https://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/video/billie-jean-king-discusses-title-ix-fifty-years-later-142639685650>

This recent interview by NBC of Billie Jean King was very helpful in understanding Ms. King's view of how important Title IX was to her and to women in American society. This interview also connects how the Original Nine's rebel against the tennis executives was connected to Congress soon after that creating Title IX.

“Billie Jean King and the Original 9, International Tennis Hall of Fame,” Interviewed by Lesley Visser for the International Tennis Hall of Fame. August 18, 2021. Web: <https://youtu.be/47h0BWiHhMw>

Interview of Billie Jean King, Julie Heldman, Rosie Casals, Kristy Pigeon, and Valerie Ziegenfuss, five of the Original Nine. This interview allowed me to see the actual words from various Original Nine regarding how they saw their work in 1970 to rebel against the tennis executives. Also, this interview showed how these Original Nine are looked at by society today. We all celebrate what they did because it was so courageous to stand up

to stand up to the men executives in the tennis community to allow women tennis players to be paid the same as men tennis players.

McCormick, Bret, "50 Years Ago, Nine Daring Tennis Players Changed the Course of Women's Sports Forever," Sport Business Journal. September 7, 2020. Web: <https://www.sportsbusinessjournal.com/Journal/Issues/2020/09/07/Sports-and-Society/Original-9.aspx>

This article had various interviews of various Original Nine members and I used various quotes of Original Nine members that are in this web article. The quotes I used from this article include quotes from Julie Heldman, Billie Jean King, Valerie Ziegenfuss, Nancy Richey, Kerry Melville Ried, Rosie Casals, Kristy Pigeon, and Peaches Bartkowicz. I also used very helpful images from this website.

Flink, Steve, "Original Nine Spotlight: Valerie Ziegenfuss," USOpen.org. May 13, 2020. Web: https://www.usopen.org/en_US/news/articles/2020-05-13/original_nine_spotlight_valerie_ziegenfuss.html

This article had an interview with Valerie Ziegenfuss, one of the members of the Original Nine, in honor of the 50th Anniversary of their rebellion against the tennis executives who did not want to pay women tennis players the same as men tennis players. I used some of the quotes from Ms. Ziegenfuss regarding her recall of their work creating the Virginia Slim Circuit and also some images.

"Original 9 trailblazers stood for tennis equality in 1970," Associated Press, September 23, 2020. Overview of the the Original Nine.

This 2020 AP news article of the Original Nine and the work they did in 1970 to rebel against the tennis executives was very helpful.

"Original 9: Kerry Melville-Reid", Tennis Channel on YouTube, September 23, 2020. Web: <https://youtu.be/wnyHW180FT0>

This video interview by the Tennis Channel of a Original Nine member, Kerry Melville-Reid, was very helpful. The interview was taken on 2020, so it helps me see the perspective of Ms. Melville-Ried's view of the work that she and the other Original Nine did in 1970.

"Honoring The Original 9 2021 US Open," US. Open Tennis Championship, September 10, 2021. Web: <https://youtu.be/M8jKDoqwRh0>

This video is also very helpful as it contains a 2021 ceremony honoring the Original Nine at the 2021 U.S. Open. Various members of the Original Nine, including Billie Jean King, Valerie Ziegenfuss, Kerry Melville Reid, Julie Heldmen, Peaches Bartkowicz, and Rosie Casals, make statements about how brave the Original Nine were acting against the tennis establishment in 1970.

"Original 9: Hall of Fame Induction Speech 2021," International Tennis Hall of Fame. September 2021. Web: <https://www.tennisfame.com/hall-of-famers/inductees/original-9>

This recent web article also was very helpful regarding the work of the Original Nine going against the tennis establishment. It has various recent interview recollections of what happened, such as from Valerie Ziegenfuss, Rosie Casals, Billie Jean King, three of the Original Nine.

SECONDARY SOURCES

BOOKS

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37 Words covers the history of Title IX and its impact on society. This book was very helpful to understanding Title IX and its impact on women in society. The book focuses on various people, such as Bernice Resnick Sandler, an early organizer for the law and people like her trans grandchild. This book covers the legislative battle to create the statute and litigation that followed over regulations and challenges to the law. It also discusses women who had been denied opportunities, students struggling for an education free from sexual harassment, and activists defying sexist discrimination. These different stories illustrate how some women benefited more than others.

Collins, Bud, *Bud Collin's Tennis Encyclopedia*. Visible Ink Press. 1998

This encyclopedia on tennis by the famous tennis journalist Bud Collins was priceless for my research. This book had the entire women's tennis history. Also, it had Bud Collin's version of the rebellion by the Original Nine in 1970 and the creation of the Virginia Slim Circuit and WTA being created. Plus, it has the Battle of Sexes between Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs.

DiCaro, Julie, *Sidelined: Sports, Culture, and Being a Woman in America*. Dutton. New York. 2022

Throughout her experiences covering professional sports for more than a decade, Ms. Julie DiCaro addresses in her book the exploitation of the female body, the covert and overt sexism women face in the workplace, and the male-driven toxicity in sports fandom. Through various detailed interviews and deep research, Ms. DiCaro tackles challenging issues and explores what America can do to give women a fair and competitive playing field in sports and beyond. This book was very helpful in giving my good education of how women were not treated equally with men in sports and culture. This book illuminates the ways sports present a microcosm of life as a woman in America—and the power some women have to fight back.

Steidinger, Joan, *Stand Up and Shout Out: Women's Fight for Equal Pay, Equal Rights, and Equal Opportunities in Sports*. Roman & Little Field. New York. 2020

In *Stand Up and Shout Out*, Ms. Joan Steidinger addresses the three important in sport that remain major concerns for women: leadership, money, and media. Ms. Steidinger

looks at the number of ways in which women experience vast inequalities by examining topics such as the politics of sport, sexual assault, the #MeToo movement, pay equity, women in coaching positions, and the experiences of women of color and LGBTQ athletes. Very helpfully, this book has various interviews with leading authorities in the field and prominent female athletes. This book gave me an interesting perspective of the feminist work in sports and society.

ARTICLE

Roberts, Selena, “Tennis’s Other ‘Battle of the Sexes,’ Before King-Riggs”, New York Times. Aug. 21, 2005. Web: <https://www.nytimes.com/2005/08/21/sports/tennis/tenniss-other-battle-of-the-sexes-before-kingriggs.html>

This article was very helpful as it gave a very detailed account of Margaret Court’s match with Bobby Riggs several months before Billie Jean King’s match with Bobby Riggs in September 1973. Many people remember the Battle of the Sexes match between BJK and Bobby Riggs but they forget that Bobby Riggs beat Margaret Court right before that and that is why Billie Jean King decided to play Bobby Riggs.

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