

March 11, 2025 Journal Entry: "Expanding Research Boundaries: USSSA Data, Community Collaboration, and Facility Accountability"

Integrity of the Game vs Economic Impact (Politics); The Oklahoma Business Plan

Full Journal Entry:

March 11, 2025 – Today's entry marks a pivotal update in my ongoing research, as I set my sights beyond Shawnee toward regions including Choctaw, Seminole, and Newcastle. I am actively seeking collaboration from local community members to help collect and digitize city minutes into a structured, researchable dataset. This initiative is an integral part of my doctoral study, particularly as it dovetails with the comprehensive USSSA (United States Sports Specialty Association) research project.

My central task remains the consolidation of USSSA tournament data from Oklahoma—spanning from approximately 2001 through 2025—which will serve to highlight the financial dynamics and transparency issues inherent in municipal, tribal, and state sports facility management. A significant element of this research involves evaluating the Bouse Sports Complex in Choctaw. According to my records, this facility generated roughly \$2.1 million in tournament entry fees, yet its deteriorating conditions underscore a broader systemic failure in facility reinvestment and accountability.

On a personal note, witnessing my grandson Jackson play T-ball at the Bouse Sports Complex provided a bittersweet reminder of the challenges at hand. A temporary disruption in access to historical tournament data this morning further reinforced the urgency to complete the USSSA database. Despite these setbacks, I remain determined to finalize this study within the week, while also exploring additional data collaboration opportunities—such as a promising contact in Arkansas—to enrich the overall analysis.

Transcript Details (Formatted in Table)

Segment	Transcript Excerpt	Key Themes/Observations
1	"Good morning today is March 11, 2025 my own prison journal update for March 11, 2025."	Introduction, establishing the journal date and context.
2	"One of the things that's on my mind is expanding my research outside Shawnee, particularly in more Choctaw and Seminole and Newcastle areas. But I need help from members of that community..."	Research expansion beyond Shawnee; call for community collaboration in data collection.
3	"My focus is getting the USSSA United States sports specialty Association's Oklahoma tournament data from 2001ish through 2025. I also have another contact in the state of Arkansas..."	Primary research focus on USSSA tournament data; additional potential data from Arkansas.
4	"Last night, we went to watch my grandson play Jackson at Bouse Sports Complex... the turf fields are not in very good shape..."	Personal anecdote, observation on facility conditions, and emotional engagement with community sports.
5	"I had a scare this morning when I got up, logged in and the historical data for the tournaments was not available... I've really got to hone in on getting that done."	Urgency and concern regarding data accessibility; reinforcement of research deadlines.

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Extracted Data Summary

- **Journal Date:**
March 11, 2025
- **Professor K (Summary):**
The entry details an expansion of research into new regions with a focus on USSSA tournament data collection, community-driven data digitization, and the critical analysis of sports facility accountability.
- **Minutes Research:**
 - Aggregation of USSSA Oklahoma tournament data (circa 2001–2025)
 - Digitization and systematic archiving of city minutes
 - Potential supplementary input from an Arkansas-based contact
- **Key Themes:**
 - Regional expansion of research focus
 - Enhancing transparency in sports facility financial management
 - Community engagement and capacity building
 - Challenges in facility maintenance and accountability
 - Personal motivation inspired by family experiences
- **Action Items:**
 - Recruit and train community members for digitizing city minutes
 - Complete the USSSA database within the week
 - Follow up with the Arkansas contact for additional data insights
 - Investigate and resolve the temporary data accessibility issue
- **Related Entities:**
 - Geographic regions: Shawnee, Choctaw, Seminole, Newcastle
 - Research focus: USSSA (United States Sports Specialty Association)
 - Facilities: Bouse Sports Complex in Choctaw, Oklahoma
 - Family contacts: grandson Jackson, Cole, baby Emma, Brad, Mary Katherine, Nash
- **Follow-up Required:**
 - Confirm restoration of historical tournament data
 - Initiate community collaboration in the targeted regions
 - Engage with the Arkansas contact for potential data contributions
- **Supporting Data Sources:**
 - USSSA historical tournament fee records
 - Financial record indicating approximately \$2.1 million in fees at Bouse Sports Complex
 - First-hand observations recorded in the journal entry

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Updated Executive Summary – "My Own Prison"

My Own Prison

- **Research Expansion:** The study now encompasses regions beyond Shawnee—including Choctaw, Seminole, and Newcastle—to enrich the analysis with diverse community insights.
- **Data Focus:** Central to the research is the consolidation of USSSA tournament data (from approximately 2001 to 2025), which will illuminate the financial mechanisms and accountability issues within municipal, tribal, and state sports facilities.
- **Community Engagement:** A strategic effort is underway to recruit and train local community members in digitizing and analyzing city minutes, thereby integrating grassroots data collection with academic research.
- **Facility Accountability:** Early findings, such as the Bouse Sports Complex's approximate \$2.1 million in tournament fees juxtaposed with its substandard upkeep, underscore systemic challenges in facility management.
- **Personal Motivation:** The research is deeply informed by personal experiences, including attending a recent T-ball game featuring my grandson Jackson, which reaffirms my commitment to this work.
- **Next Steps:** Immediate actions include finalizing the USSSA database, resolving data access issues, and initiating further collaborations—both locally and with promising contacts in Arkansas.