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# Businesswoman's got game

The pressure was on. It was the fourth quarter of the Phoenix Mercury-Sacramento Monarchs game Sunday, and about 8,000 fans were looking on.

But Phoenix businesswoman **Susan Ratliff** never lost her cool. She knocked down a free throw and collected \$777 from Casino Arizona.

Little did we know that she had some hoops experience, albeit many years ago.

"I love basketball, played all through high school and was pretty good," said Ratliff, president of Exhibit Experts, a trade-show display company. "(But) that was a long time ago. I'm 52."

She did have a little practice the night before. Coincidentally, she was at Jillian's at Desert Ridge Marketplace and shot hoops in the arcade.

Ratliff was at the game with about 50 members of the National Association of Women Business Owners when she was selected to try her luck at shoot-

ing a free throw.



Susan Ratliff, president of Phoenix-based Exhibit Experts, prepares to sink a \$777 free throw at a recent Phoenix Mercury game.