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WRITING HONORS

2009: AP Sports Editors

National Top 10, Columns

Collection of five pieces. Chosen from group of 156 papers with less than 40,000 circulation.

2008: New England AP

Third Place, Sports Story

Among papers with 16-40,000 circulation.

2003: New England AP

Third Place, Sports Columns

Collection of three pieces. Among papers with 30-60,000 circulation.

DESIGN HONORS

2010: New England AP

Second Place, Sports Page Design

"The Year in SouthCoast Sports" top 10 stories, which I also researched and wrote.

2009: New England AP

Second Place, Sports Story

2008 ALCS preview presentation, in which I also wrote both stories.

REFERENCES

Jonathan Comey

Fmr. Sports Editor,
The Standard-Times

Hank Hryniewicz

Fmr. Sports Editor,
Boston Herald

Sean Leahy

Sports Editor,
Boston Herald

Laurie Los

Sports Editor,
The Standard-Times

Bill McIlwrath

Night Sports Editor,
Boston Herald

Mark Murphy

Deputy Sports Editor,
Boston Herald

(Reference contact information
available by request.)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Boston Herald — Boston, Mass.

Sports Copy Desk

since Sept. 2010

— One of 12 employees responsible for nightly production of the Boston Herald's award-winning sports section, including both page layout and story editing for style/grammar.

— One of four section designers, using Adobe InCopy and InDesign, and serve regular shifts as both night desk chief (responsible for all aspects of nightly production, including communication with writers, assigning nightly workload to other editors, breaking news and designing the paper's famous back page) and Sunday sports editor (responsible for all aspects of Sunday production, including those noted above).

— Regularly research/create graphics and statistical packages to enhance presentation, either independently or by request of the editors. Manage all agate (box scores, stats, etc.) in the section two shifts/week.

Boston University — Boston, Mass.

Lecturer

January - May 2011

— Taught Feature Writing to group of 14 upperclassmen in College of Communication, including non-journalism majors. Responsible for creating curriculum and all operations of class. Focused on increasing clarity of writing and depth of reporting, holding students to real-world newsroom standards.

The Standard-Times — New Bedford, Mass.

Assistant Sports Editor

Aug. 2006 - Sept. 2010

— Led staff of four full-timers and 4-6 part-timers in day-to-day planning and production at small daily newspaper. Made coverage decisions and organized staff workloads, both with and in absence of Sports Editor.

— Edited and laid out all locally produced and national copy for style/grammar, adding statistical packages and graphics to enhance presentation.

— Wrote both breaking news and local features as needed/desired, including non-sports work, as well as maintained section's local calendar of events.

Red Sox Writer / General Sports Columnist

since Oct. 2003

— One of paper's two baseball reporters beginning in Oct. 2003 before serving solo from Jan. 2005 to Sept. 2010. Covered 30-40 live games per season, including postseason road travel and multiple trips to Florida for Spring Training, as well as regular reporting and columns.

— Created and developed paper's Red Sox blog "Better Red Than Dead," which was nominated in CBS Boston's "Most Valuable Blogger" contest in 2011, as well as Twitter account named one of Chad Finn's "75 Best Follows in Boston Sports" on Boston.com in 2015.

— Made semi-regular appearances to discuss team on several sports radio stations nationwide, as well as on regional TV via CN8 (Comcast Network).

— Since 2014, write weekly general sports column as freelancer, as well as contributing to Red Sox event coverage (season previews, playoffs, etc.).

Sports Copy Editor / Page Designer

Aug. 2003 - Aug. 2006

General Sports Columnist

Aug. 2002 - Oct. 2003

News Copy Editor / Page Designer

June 2002 - Aug. 2003

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Efficiency: Fifteen years experience in deadline situations as both writer and editor, as well as 15 years experience working nights, weekends and holidays.

Software: Extensive experience with Adobe InCopy, InDesign and Photoshop. Basic proficiency with Adobe Illustrator, as well as basic audio/video editing.

Web: Heavy Internet user. Operated/maintained personal site starting in 2001, entirely coded with HTML until transitioning to WordPress in 2011. Basic SEO knowledge.

EDUCATION

Boston University — B.S., Journalism

Sept. 1998 - May 2002