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Crusade Career Tracks
College Crusade alumni talk about their careers

Sports Media

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1. Name your all-time favorite professional sports team.

The Boston Red Sox. I grew up in a family that loved them and grew to love them myself as I got older.

2. Who are the top three sports figures you admire most?

Michael Phelps because of his courage to try and change the way swimming is viewed as a sport and bring awareness to it on a worldwide level. Steve Prefontaine for his rockstar-like attitude and his motivation to become the best in his sport. And Lance Armstrong because of his resilience to overcome disease and succeed despite all odds.

3. Who is your favorite commentator and why?

Jerry Remy. Not only was he once a great athlete, but he knows the sport of baseball inside and out. He is also as down-to-earth as they come.

4. What would you say is the most interesting up-and-coming sport today?

Almost anything that is competitive. Working at ESPN, you see everything from football to Rubik's Cube challenges.

5. When did you know you wanted to cover sports for a living?

I went to URI and enrolled in the journalism program,

1. Name your all-time favorite professional sports team.

The New England Patriots. To be specific: the 2003-2004 Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots.

2. Who are the top three sports figures you admire most?

Derek Jeter has to be one. Although I'm a huge Red Sox fan, I have the utmost respect for Jeter. He's a great example of how to play the game of baseball. Bruins goaltender Tim Thomas is another one. I've had the chance to interview him many times, and the way he carries himself is extremely professional. Lastly, I'd say Troy Brown. His contribution to the Patriots was incredible. I respect him even more now because he's still in the game as a Comcast SportsNet reporter for the Patriots. Great guy!

3. Who is your favorite commentator and why?

I love Chris Berman. He puts a twist on his commentary which makes it unique and entertaining.

4. What would you say is the most interesting up-and-coming sport today?

Due to the area I live in, I'd have to say hockey. With the Bruins' recent Stanley Cup Championship, it feels as if hockey has been brought to a whole other level.

5. When did you know you wanted to cover

knowing I had strong writing skills. Once I was in the program I struggled to find an area I could see myself covering. When I realized that sports was the one thing I truly cared about, I chose to pursue sports reporting.

6. Where do you turn for really good writing about sports?

Dan Shaughnessy is one of my favorite writers. He's honest and creative. The *New York Times* always has really talented sports reporters as well.

7. What is your biggest accomplishment so far?

Being brave enough to admit I wanted to work in sports. In college, only males ever expressed wanting to work in sports. It's no secret that it's a male-dominated field, and females have their struggles with respect. But knowing in my heart it's what I wanted to do, I had to pursue it.

8. What's the most exciting sports moment you ever witnessed?

I had a chance to attend the Phillips 66 National Swimming Championship in 1998, and my parents encouraged me to ask for autographs from Olympians. Other than that it would have to be the bench clearing Big Papi had earlier this season with the Sox.

9. What sport do you most enjoy participating in, and who taught you the moves?

I love swimming and being in the water. I learned how to surf from my friends in college and that's how I like to spend my summer.

10. What sport do you wish you could play?

Football. I've just recently learned how to throw a spiral and I'm ready for the real thing! ★

sports for a living?

I've always loved sports, but I realized once I got to college, I actually had the chance to pursue this dream. And here I am.

6. Where do you turn for really good writing about sports?

I go to a lot of the local sites, such as ESPN Boston, CSN, NESN, and Boston.com.

7. What is your biggest accomplishment so far?

Covering the Bruins this past year. I was at the TD Garden for Bruins-Lightning Game 7 of the Eastern Conference Finals. Watching the B's clinch a trip to the Stanley Cup Finals was truly amazing. I was so caught up in the moment that I ended up leaving my laptop charger at the Garden that night.

8. What's the most exciting sports moment you ever witnessed?

When the Red Sox came back from an 0-3 deficit in the ALCS to beat the Yankees. Any Boston sports fan would probably say the same. Of course, that year the Sox went on to win the World Series.

9. What sport do you most enjoy participating in, and who taught you the moves?

I love playing most sports, but my favorite has to be soccer. I played for many years when I was younger, and it was a lot of fun. I still play a lot now, but I don't really have any moves. Guess that explains my recent ankle injury.

10. What sport do you wish you could play?

Ice hockey. It's just extremely intense and seems like a lot of fun. Never have tried to play, but I think I'll just stick to being a fan. ★

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