Ian Decker

Sports Journalist

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I am a journalist from Bethesda, Maryland specializing in various local sports, including men’s and women’s basketball and women’s soccer. I have practical experience covering games in person and interviewing players during post-game media conferences.

**Experience:**

Contributor

Bullets Forever

August 2020 – Present

Produced game summaries and reports for the Washington Mystics during the 2020 season. Covers the Washington Wizards, writing postgame content and player evaluation pieces. Assesses player ratings, generates match summaries and covers impact of certain players as well as key management personnel.

Writer

Royal Blue Mersey

September 2020 – Present

Responsible for the column “Three Thoughts,” which analyzes the three most salient moments from each match with regards to Everton Football Club. Works as the lone beat writer for the Women’s Super League team, producing game previews, event recaps and player analysis pieces regarding trades, signings and international competitions. Collaborates on the website’s podcast, “School of Science,” evaluating topics such as match highlights, recent news reflections and game spotlights.

Media Intern

Washington Spirit

July 2020 – Present

Assists with team’s writing needs, including roster changes, player and coaching staff contracts, sponsor announcements, game previews and recaps and Spanish translations for all written work to better engage with the fan base and establish a broader audience. Produces and implements data and statistical capture and updates player biographies and photography to ensure media has the tools to provide timely and up-to-date coverage.

Reporter

Boston Glory

March 2020 – Present

Publishes feature stories in the form of player profiles for professional Ultimate Frisbee franchises Boston Glory and D.C. Breeze, coordinating with current players to conduct interviews via Zoom. Assists with continued coverage of the Glory and Breeze, producing game thoughts, player highlights and feature reports for 2020 season, which was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Education:**

Master of Arts, International Studies, Spanish, Denison University, 2019

Master of Journalism, University of Maryland, 2022

**Skills:**

Language. Fluent in Spanish (verbal, listening, writing and reading).

Technical. Proficient in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel and all Google platforms.

Social Media. Adept in the use of Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.

Teaching. Experienced in instructing courses for non-native English speakers.