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Yahoo Sports

Golf editor/coverage editor (October 2007-January 2012)

Programed the daily golf page, posting features, blogs, photos, and video. Assigned blogs to contributors who wrote about the PGA Tour, LPGA Tour, European Tour, and any key developments in the amateur ranks. Directed coverage of major championships for the main Yahoo Sports page, editing staff writers, freelance writers and bloggers. Wrote a weekly column, and covered several tournaments a year. Edited and programed stories on a wide assortment of other sports. Served as the principal coverage editor, determining which stories and images should appear on the main sports page.

Washington Post

Contract employee (January-August 2005)

Covered college basketball at the University of Virginia, and Virginia Tech, and reported on various golf events. Wrote a regular feature chronicling 18 holes of golf with a number of prominent athletes and politicians, including California Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack, ex-New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman, Colorado Senator Mark Udall, former Seattle Seahawks receiver Steve Largent.

New York Times

West coast contributor (July 2000-January 2004)

Based in Los Angeles, wrote game stories and sidebars on the World Series, Rose Bowl, NBA Finals, NCAA basketball regionals, PGA Tour, WTA, and major sporting events in California, Nevada, Oregon, New Mexico, and Arizona.

Golf World

Associate editor (April 1996-July 2000) Wrote game stories, sidebars, columns, and notes at PGA Tour and Senior PGA Tour events, covered the television industry, and wrote columns about major personalities in the sport. Supervised coverage of the Senior PGA Tour.

People Magazine

Freelance correspondent (August 1995-April 1996)

Wrote and reported on a wide variety of Hollywood celebrities, including O.J. Simpson, Jerry Garcia, Whitney Houston, and the Menendez brothers.

- Los Angeles Times** **Entertainment writer** (June 1988-July 1995)
Wrote features and profiles on major personalities, which included Charles Nelson Reilly, Doc Severinsen, Melissa Gilbert, Dick Clark, Robby Krieger, and Alyssa Milano. Covered the local music and arts scene.
- Pasadena Star-News** **Entertainment writer/columnist** (March 1987-June 1988)
Reviewed films, and wrote profile pieces on subjects which included Mickey Rooney, Martin Short, and Larry King.
- Flint Journal** **Staff writer** (March 1981-September 1985) Covered police and local government. Wrote a ten-part series on the 1985 graduating class at Davison High School.

AUTHOR

- “From The Outside”** (2018) Basketball legend Ray Allen reflects on his life and career. A *New York Times* Best-Seller. *HarperCollins*.
- “Losing Isn’t Everything”** (2016) Fox NFL Sunday host Curt Menefee examines how athletes have coped with being on the losing side of memorable sporting events. They include: Mary Decker, Dan Jansen, Craig Ehlo, Rodney Harrison, and Aaron Krickstein. *HarperCollins*.
- “Against The Grain”** (2014) Football coach/business owner Bill Courtney, the leading figure in the Oscar-winning 2011 documentary, “Undefeated,” describes the tenets which can lead to a successful and enriching life. *Weinstein Books*.
- “The Agent”** (2014) Legendary sports agent Leigh Steinberg reflects on his 40 years in the business. A *New York Times* Best-Seller. *St. Martin’s*.
- “The Big Fight”** (2011) The autobiography of boxing legend Sugar Ray Leonard. A *New York Times* Best-Seller. *Viking*.
- “Fight of The Century”** (2007) The story of the famous 1971 fight between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier. *John Wiley and Sons*.
- “The Last Season”** (2004) Phil Jackson’s diary of a season coaching the Los Angeles Lakers. A *New York Times* Best-Seller. *Penguin Press*.
- “Getting Up and Down”** (2004) The autobiography of the 1964 U.S. Open champion and longtime CBS analyst, Ken Venturi. *Triumph Books*.

- “My Greatest Shot”** (2004) Memorable shots in golf history described by Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Tiger Woods, Sam Snead, Byron Nelson, Gary Player, etc. *HarperCollins*.
- “I Remember Payne Stewart”** (2000) Friends and fellow competitors reflect on 1999 U.S. Open champion Payne Stewart. *Cumberland*.
- “Fairways and Dreams”** (1998) The leading professional golfers in the world share lessons they learned from the fathers who inspired them to become champions, on and off the course. *Rutledge Hill Press*.
- “Tim Allen: Laid Bare”** (1995) Unauthorized biography of comedian/television actor Tim Allen. *Avon Books*.
- “Rush!”** (1993) Unauthorized biography of controversial radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh. A *New York Times* Best-Seller. *Avon Books*.
- “60 Years of USC-UCLA Football”** (1991) Chronicled the football rivalry between the two Los Angeles universities. Co-written with Steve Springer. *Longmeadow Books*.

HONORS

- Benjamin Franklin Award** (1999) “Fairways and Dreams,” received first place in the recreation/sports category given by the Independent Book Publishers Association.
- Golf Writers Association** (1997) Third place in columns for non-daily publications: Ken Venturi’s dying wife, Beau; and honorable mention for features: Looking back at the 1974 U.S. Open at Winged Foot.
- Michigan Press Association** (1985) Second place in the enterprise/feature category for “The Class of ‘85,” about the seniors at Davison High.

EDUCATION

- University of Michigan** B.A. in Political Science, May 1980.
Editorial Director of the Michigan Daily (1979-1980).

