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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Rockaway Wave

April 2022 – Present

Brooklyn Cyclones Beat Writer

- Cover and write features on the Brooklyn Cyclones, the High-A affiliate of the New York Mets, for The Rockaway Wave, a newspaper based in Queens, New York
- Interview active players and coaches while attending Cyclones games as I search for the most interesting stories to tell
- Enhance the feature articles through interviews of people key to players' lives, like family and former coaches, as well as statistical analysis and my own knowledge from years of experience
- Uncover unique angles for stories that can only be found through hands-on reporting, taking readers beyond the box score
- Build connections inside the New York Mets organization and the sports media world

Hearst Connecticut Media Group

August 2021 – Present

Copy Editor

- Contribute to the production of the newspapers in the Hearst Connecticut Media Group family, working on both the daily and weekly papers
- Proofread and edit articles, headlines and photo captions while also designing the individual pages to optimize the reader experience
- Assist in the production of Hearst-owned newspapers in New York and Texas

Metsmerized Online

June 2023 – Present

Writer

- Contribute to the coverage of the New York Mets on the popular website metsmerizedonline.com
- Write a weekly article on the New York Mets minor league system
- Produce a variety of other articles, from shorter breaking news stories to longer in-depth research pieces and analytical breakdowns
- Covered the Titans of the Caribbean series in person at Citi Field, where I interviewed former MLB players, coaches and fans

The Quality Start

June 2026 – Present

Writer/Editor

- Launched a newsletter with a partner through Substack on June 29, 2026, about all things baseball
- Produce four stories a week – a weekly preview, a MLB prospects story and two columns – about what in baseball has our attention at that moment
- Edit my own work and the work of my partner, and then format and post the work to thequalitystart.com
- Run an account on X to promote our work and post more short-form content

EDUCATION

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Bachelor of Arts in Communications