

# Harry Whitfield

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## Work Experience

Sports writer: non-paid work placement (June 2023)

*PlanetSport - Leeds, Yorkshire*

- Wrote multiple articles for their website ranging from transfer stories to news articles and niche articles such as 'Five things you may not know about the Canadian Grand Prix'.
- I produced player and manager profiles for the website to be used in articles that mention them - profiles for James Maddison [here](#) and for Carlos Corberan [here](#) as examples.
- Shadowed Simon Wilkes, who was the Head of Syndication at the time for PlanetSport, and his colleagues when I went into their Leeds office for the day.

Various roles: writer, social media, volunteer on match days (January 2022 - May 2022)

*Macclesfield Town International Academy - Preston, Lancashire*

- Wrote a few match reports for some of the academy matches and Macclesfield Women's first team.
- Live tweeting of academy matches.
- Match day experience at Macclesfield's ground - academy and women's first team - social media and controlling the digital scoreboard.

Volunteer work: Formula 1 writer (April 2023 - May 2023)

*Vavel - Vavel International*

- Wrote a few articles for Vavel's F1 section.
- This included a [qualifying rundown report](#) for the 2023 Miami Grand Prix.
- A [sprint race report](#) for the 2023 Azerbaijan Grand Prix.
- And finally, a [four things we learnt](#) article on the Australian Grand Prix.

## Referee

Matt Hobkinson: Lead Editor at GPFans Global

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## Personal Profile

Competent sports writer with experience in writing articles for a company's website. Graduate from the University of Central Lancashire with a degree in BA Hons Sports Journalism.

Familiarity with using social media to create content and basic editing skills. Passionate about sports writing with the aim of becoming a writer in either the Motorsport or Football industry.

## Skills

- Accurate and well-structured writer
- Live tweeting
- Editing video and audio using Adobe Premiere Pro
- Knowledge of media law and regulation
- Good knowledge of main sports - Football and F1
- Experience in subbing and editing for a sports website

## Education

2:1 in BA Hons Sports Journalism at UCLAN 2021-2024

A-Levels: York College 2019-2021

English Language C | Film Studies B | Media Studies B

GCSEs: South Hunsley 2015-2019

9 GCSEs including - English Language, English Literature, Maths, Media Studies and more

## Interests

Formula One - been to four Grand Prix races (British GP 2015, British GP 2023, Hungary 2019 and Imola GP 2024).

Football and Rugby League

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<https://www.planetsport.com/author/harry-whitfield>

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Sports Writer: non-paid work placement (February 2024- August 2024)

*PA Media Group - Howden, Yorkshire*

- Wrote articles to be put out on the wire- breaking news, niche articles and more.
- Went into the office for two days.
- Shadowed PA Sport reporter Andy Hampson for two Rugby League matches: St Helens vs London Broncos and Warrington Wolves vs Wigan Warriors.
- I also shadowed Andy for a Manchester City press conference before their game against Copenhagen in the Champions League.
- I shadowed Andy and Mark Staniforth for the entire weekend of the 2024 Rugby League Magic Weekend. I covered the first game of each day for PA. I wrote the match reports and quote pieces, while receiving feedback and help on what I had written before sending them to the editorial desk. I also observed Mark and Andy when they were covering the other games.

Sports writer: paid work placement (March 2024 – August 2024)

*PlanetSport – Leeds, Yorkshire*

- Second work placement with PlanetSport – wrote betting tips and prediction articles for upcoming Football and Rugby League matches as well as Formula One races, for the first couple of months.
- In May, had training from Editor Scott Allen which included getting to know their CMS, how to run a full day shift of running the website, and much more.
- After the practice of a full days subbing shift, I was given multiple shifts over the next few months and continued to also provide articles for the website, including a tips and predictions piece for the 2024 British Grand Prix, which can be viewed [here](#).

Trainee Journalist: training work placement (August 2024 – September 2024)

*GPFans – Doetinchem, Gelderland*

- I had a two-week remote work placement at GPFans from August 26th to September 6th. During this time, I [wrote articles for the global/UK version](#) of the website. These articles included quote pieces, social pieces, and general news articles.
- I received training from the editorial team/writers on how to enhance the speed of my work, improving my newsgathering skills, and how to get the right angle and sell for the story.
- Some more examples of my work for them can be seen [here](#) and [here](#).