

Harry Whitfield Sports Writer

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Work Experience

Examples of my work are on my website: <https://harrywhitfield.journoportfolio.com>

F1 Reporter: Remote non-paid freelancer (October 2024 – Present)

Motorsport Week – Silverstone, Northamptonshire

- I started on a work placement with Motorsport Week, learning the ropes with support from Editor Taylor Powling and Deputy Editor Dan Lawrence.
- I have produced nearly 200 articles for the website; [quotes pieces](#), news articles, reports and more during my time with Motorsport Week so far.
- I often help out with its coverage of Formula 1 race weekends, including the junior series.
- As well as helping out with the content, I have fixed a number of tags and categories on the CMS.
- My content, has featured in the Motorsport Monday digital magazine on several occasions.
- With Motorsport Week, I have been able to attend virtual meetings for F1 and F2, as well as conducting an exclusive interview with F2 star talent Dino Beganovic – [full story here](#).

Trainee Journalist: Remote non-paid work placement (August 2024 - September 2024)

GPFans - Doetinchem, Gelderland

- I had a two-week remote work placement at GPFans, writing articles for the global/UK version of the website.
- These articles included quotes pieces, social pieces, and general news articles.
- I received training from the editorial team/writers on how to enhance the speed of my work, improve my newsgathering skills, and how to get the right angle and sell for the story.
- An example of one of the articles I wrote for GPFans can be viewed [here](#).

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

PA Media Group - Howden, Yorkshire

- I wrote articles for the PA wire - breaking news, niche articles and more - over a one-week work placement whilst heading into the office for two days.
- An example of my work for PA can be viewed [here](#).
- 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, covering the first game of each day for PA.
- I wrote the match reports and quotes pieces, while receiving feedback and help on what I had written.

References

Matt Hobkinson

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Dan Lawrence

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Simon Wilkes

Job: Managing Editor at Sip Media Solutions

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Personal Profile

Competent sports writer with experience in writing articles for various websites. Sports Writer & Sub-editor (freelance) for Greenways Publishing and Content & CMS Consultant for Sip Media Solutions.

Aiming to break into the Motorsport industry to work in Formula 1.

Skills

- Sports Writing
- SEO consultant
- Sub editing
- Experience in using WordPress CMS

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

- F1 – attended four Grand Prix races (British GP 2015 and 2023, Hungary GP 2021 and Imola GP 2024).
- Football and Rugby League

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Work Experience

Sports Writer: Hybrid 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’](#) over a two-week work placement.
- I produced player and manager profiles for the website to be used in articles that mention them.
- 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.

Sports Writer: Hybrid 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 for the website, and much more.
- After the practice of a full-day subbing shift, I was given multiple paid 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](#).

Content & CMS Consultant: Remote paid freelancer (September 2024 - Present)

Sip Media Solutions - Leeds, Yorkshire

- Started out as a work placement as a Sports Writer for the Sports News Blitz website (founded by Sip Media Solutions), producing news, analysis and niche articles across a range of sports.
- I then moved on to paid shifts for Sip Media clients; Greenways Publishing and Motorsport Week.
- This included fixing tags and categories on the WordPress CMS for Motorsport Week, The Football League Paper and The Non-League Paper websites.
- Also creating original content for all of the clients’ sites.
- As well as sub-editing and fixing articles for the FLP on Mondays.
- Ahead of the January transfer window, I was a part of the launch for the newly created Transfer News Blitz - producing [transfer news articles](#) as well as betting and [analysis pieces](#) – building the site up alongside Content Editor Ed Moss under the supervision of our founder Simon.

Sports Writer & Sub-editor: Remote paid freelancer (December 2024 - Present)

Greenways Publishing - London, Wimbledon

- I started as a freelancer for Greenways Publishing in December.
- On Tuesdays, I sub-edit and fix articles for the NLP website on Tuesdays.
- I help run the socials for NLP’s X and Facebook accounts as well.
- I regularly [contribute original articles](#) for the site.
- I also make sure the homepage looks up to date and fresh with all of the content from the Non-League Paper that goes out every Sunday.