

Long before his current work in sports media, Ryan Donziger knew at nine that he wanted to be a sports broadcaster.

As a kid, Donziger was urged to pursue sports broadcasting by his family. During summers at a sports broadcasting camp at Villanova University, he gained hands-on experience producing standups, packages and color commentary while meeting professionals already working in the industry.

Donziger truly fell in love with broadcasting when he was 13 years old, realizing that sports were a form of escape from difficult emotions for him.

“Some people use drugs, but I use sports,” Donziger said.

Now a sophomore journalism major at the University of Colorado Boulder, he said not much has changed.

Donziger is an active member of Sko Buff Sports, a student club that allows aspiring journalists to cover varsity and club athletics across campus. Through the club, Donziger has called soccer matches, worked on football live shows and found the place where he feels most confident behind the microphone.

“I feel like it's interesting and I can use my knowledge,” Donziger explained.

In the future, Donziger hopes that his experience can land him a role on an ESPN talk show or local news station. Wherever he ends up, Donziger desires to build a future doing what first inspired him at 9 years old.