

J.L. Kirven

Multimedia Sports Journalist

EXPERIENCE

Sherdog: Columbus, OH — *MMA coverage contributor*

March 2023-Present

- . Contributes to Sherdog's social media coverage of UFC, Bellator, ONE, PFL and other top-tier mixed martial arts events and news
- . Relaunched Sherdog's "Where are they now" series. A biweekly series that honors the legends of mixed martial arts

Louisville Courier-Journal: Louisville, KY — *High school sports reporter*

July 2021-Feb. 2023

- . Focused primarily on covering 34 Louisville-area high school sports teams through analysis, feature stories and game coverage
- . Covered sports ranging from football to field hockey and general sports assignments throughout Louisville

Indianapolis Star: Indianapolis, IN — *Pulliam Fellow*

May 2021-July 2021

- . Granted summer sports writing internship through the Pulliam Fellowship
- . Focused primarily on beat coverage of Indiana Fever (including features, analysis, and breaking news)
- . Was selected to be a part of the WNBA's end-of-season award voting committee

EDUCATION

Ohio University

Bachelor of Specialized Studies (Journalism, African American Studies and Political Science)

Aug. 2016- Aug. 2021

AWARDS

Pulliam Fellowship Class of 2021

The Post Story of the Year 2021

The Post Alumni Board Sports Story of the Year 2020

The Post Sportswriter of the Year 2020

Sports Journalism Institute Class of 2019

CONTACT / SOCIAL MEDIA

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Cincinnati Enquirer: Cincinnati, OH — *Intern/Freelancer*

Sept. 2019-Nov. 2020

- . Covered Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky prep sports for print and Cincinnati.com
- . Wrote in-depth features on colleges in the region (Cincinnati, Xavier, Northern Kentucky, Miami (Ohio))
- . Provided on-the-scene breaking news coverage for Cincinnati professional sports teams and professional boxing (Bengals, F.C. Cincinnati)

Detroit Free Press: Detroit, MI— *Intern*

June 2019-August 2019

- . Granted summer internship through the Sports Journalism Institute
- . Assisted with beat coverage of Lions, Pistons, Tigers, Michigan and Michigan State athletics
- . Broke news that was shared amongst the entire USA Today network

The Post: Athens, OH — Sports Editor / Senior Writer

April 2018 - May 2021

- . Led a staff of 14 student reporters as the sports editor of Ohio University's award-winning paper The Post
- . Covered all things Ohio University athletics as the senior features sports writer
- . Led coverage on Ohio University MAC Championship / NCAA Tournament run