

## Sydney Little - Sports Writing - First Five

- There are three types of sports writing:
  - Game stories: a recap of who won and the highlights of the game
  - Feature stories: can include profiles of a specific player or coach
  - Column: is usually longer and has more emotions and opinions
- Before you cover a sport you want to make sure that you know what to look for: the rules, players, positions, etc
- While at the game there are several things you should make note of:
  - final score
  - team names with the correct spelling
  - location
  - key players
  - any injuries
  - other relevant factors like weather
- After the game finishes you're going to need to get three or four quotes from a few of the players, coaches or fans
  - Questions to ask would be: what strategy did the team rely on, did the team play as expected, etc
- Also just because a team is losing doesn't mean that you shouldn't write the story. In this situation you want to focus on the great plays that the team made and what they could have improved on