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New sports editor takes over

Writing veteran Lindecrantz chooses new path

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DARLINGTON - I can confidently say, having spent the first four-fifths of my life in Iowa, and the last fifth of my life in Wisconsin, that midwest winters are really, sometimes excruciatingly, cold.

Just like the challenges that arise from a bitter winter, like a car battery that won't start, snow that makes any form of travel impossible besides walking, or finding a patch of black ice, filling the shoes of a 27-year-plus writing veteran presents new and unique challenges too.

Having more than 2500 pairs of eyes tuning in each week can pull on more than a few nerves, but only for a little while. We're not familiar with each other yet, but we do know sports and they have a way of bringing just about anyone

together. I learned that about as well as anyone when a simple wave of the hand from 70,000 football fans and players in Kinnick Stadium in 2017 to patients watching the game from the then-newly-renovated Stead Children's Hospital sent shockwaves throughout the country.

If it isn't blatantly obvious at this point, I'm originally from Iowa and attended the University of Iowa, studying journalism and sports studies while also playing alto saxophone in a few jazz and concert bands. After finishing in the Spring of 2018, I moved to Platteville to live with my fiance before moving to Milwaukee for a couple years while she pursued her Master's Degree.

Realizing the big city really wasn't for us, pretty much the

moment she had the degree in her hand, we packed and high-tailed it back to the southwest corner of the state where her family, and mine, were significantly closer.

While we're talking about family, I want you to know some values that mine instilled in me:

Firstly, I strive not to waste your time - it's valuable and precious to you, and I would never ask you to read something that would waste your time.

Secondly, While I may bleed black and gold from my time spent studying and covering sports like women's tennis, gymnastics, and track & field, know that I strive to tell all kinds of sports stories, fairly. Everyone deserves fair and equal coverage and that's exactly what I intend to provide.

Lastly, traditions are to be cherished. The 'Wisconsin goodbye' is absolutely a tradition, even if it adds an hour or more to any visit, but those extra minutes spent saying 'goodbye' can be some of the most meaningful minutes of your time together.

I won't take a 'Wisconsin goodbye' amount of time to part with you this week, but I will end it with one last tradition. When Thomas Gunnell ended his farewell article with the code of - 30 -, I'll be honest that the code was something I'd never heard of before.

In respecting traditions, and hoping to bring the same diligence and coverage that Gunnell brought to this role, I will end my first article in the same way he ended his last.

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