

Stephen Kelly

Freelance sports journalist - Dublin, Ireland

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I'm a freelance sports journalist/sub that spent three months working full-time with the Irish Daily Star this summer and still submits regular work to that paper.

I'm interested in both freelance opportunities as well as more fixed employment. I'm currently based in the Dublin area but am willing to travel.

I'm am passionate about most sports but gaelic games, soccer, tennis, mixed martial arts and boxing in particular.

If you need somebody to write,report or sub on sport, get in touch.

I've recently completed the MA in Journalism at UL.

Professional Experience

2010 - Present **Irish Daily Star - Sports reporter**

I initially started with the Irish Star on a four week paid placement after finishing my studies at the University of Limerick.

After the four week period ended was asked to extend my stay and I ended up working full time there for around three months.

The Star still employs me for various freelance gigs on a regular basis.

While there, I worked mostly on GAA, writing various news, features and match reports.

I was sent to report on several matches in the 2010 Championship including the All-Ireland quarter-final between Tyrone and Dublin at Croke Park,

During my stay in the office I built up an extensive list of contacts in Irish sport.

Key Skills football, GAA, hurling, Irish Star, Reports, soccer, sports

2008 - 2009 **Tennis Form - Match preview writer**

Tennis form is an online company (www.tennisform.com) that at the time offered a subscription service to customers who wanted to receive detailed previews of upcoming matches (mostly professional gamblers)

Writing the previews required extensive knowledge of tennis as well as sports gambling. It also required an ability to utilise online research tools and to meet tight deadlines.

The specialist knowledge required to provide such match previews is rare and the research required and sheer volume of tennis matches taking place every week meant that providing a high quality service was very labour intensive.

The service was eventually disbanded when the company owner was unable to find additional writers.

Key Skills gambling, online, reporter, tennis, tennis online writer reporter sports, Writer

Education and Qualifications

2010 **Masters/PostGrad - MA Journalism**
University of Limerick

Additional Information

Links

Twitter - <http://www.twitter.com/theironsloth>

Blog - <http://atoughcrowd.blogspot.com>

Interests

Playing sport, playing guitar, reading, watching sport etc etc

Memberships

Vice-captain and PRO of Mullingar Tennis & Badminton Club (elected in 2008 and re-elected in 2009)

Class representative, MA Journalism class, University of Limerick, 2009/10.
