

“From Disappointment to Dominance: The Undefeated Run of Schoolcraft Women’s Basketball”

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Judge’s comments: “This is an outstanding example of the kind of work that even entry-level journalism students are capable of given the right guidance and mentoring – and opportunity. But clearly this student entered his newsroom with an abundance of natural talent.

Not only is this feature fairly well-sourced, with at least three in-depth interviews, it is beautifully written. Here is a writer who embraces pace and flow and rhythm in his prose. He understands the value of mixing sentences of varying length. He knows how to wield the power of a well-placed short sentence – or two or three in a row. His lead is compelling, dragging readers by the lapels and dragging them through the entire story (not an easy thing to do, especially these days).

My best advice is to keep doing what you’re doing, only look for ways to add more sourcing to stories like these and build in more layers of interest for your readers. You have immense talent. Build on it and use it wisely.

Absolutely fabulous work.”