

JUDGING SHEET

Contest B: Newspaper Sports Writing



STEP 1: please fill in student code here (for instance, "432B005")

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PLACE		
FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
HONORABLE MENTION	NO AWARD	

STEP 2: please score the entry with these criteria

+	Area of Strength			✓	Adequate	–	Area of Weakness		
1	+	✓	–				Is the story complete?		
2	+	✓	–				Does the lead feature key element(s) of the season?		
3	+	✓	–				Is the story well organized with solid grammar, A.P. style, and punctuation usage?		
4	+	✓	–				Does the writing emphasize detail, action verbs and solid nouns?		
5	+	✓	–				Is it clear which sport is being written about early in the story?		
6	+	✓	–				Does the reporter avoid becoming a cheerleader?		
7	+	✓	–				Are paragraphs kept short and easily readable?		
8	+	✓	–				Is the outcome of the contest clear early in the lead?		
9	+	✓	–				Does copy provide a variety of sources for greater development of the story?		

STEP 3: please provide feedback in the comment boxes (**not optional**)

AREAS OF STRENGTH

AREAS OF WEAKNESS

STEP 4: please staple to **BACK** of student materials