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Transcribe Interview Q & A

Troy Rose:

Ok, I'm Troy Rose and I'm here with Cole Johnson and my first question for Cole is, what drove you to really gravitate towards sports?

Cole Johnson:

So growing up I guess, I mean, one of the first things I can remember other than just watching, I was a big Disney movie fan for a while and I might watch that with my mom but the other thing really, that I fell towards early on in my life was a ball. I was constantly holding on to a ball and throwing it around and that's when I was introduced to organized sports. So, I played flag football, I played soccer, I played basketball, baseball and that kind of all just became second nature for me. I was playing it all year around; I was bouncing from one sport to the other. As I grew older, I realized that I wasn't the best athlete, I know I'm not going to make it as an athlete. I can maybe try to play a D-3 sport, which I did for a little bit, but I'm not going to go anywhere big. How about I talk sports, that would be the best job ever. Just sit down and talk sports and get paid for it. So that's really I think, that's the whole story of it but what drew me to it was really the few early days just holding a basketball, holding a baseball and throwing it around. Fell in love with it.

Troy Rose:

So not playing sports anymore but still having that love for it, what are some of the qualities that you try to utilize? That you used in sports that to try and apply now, in your pursue as a sports reporter.

Cole Johnson:

I think just being around a sports atmosphere for so many years, you learn so much about it, sports in itself. You learn how it works, you learn the relationships that are created, you get to see how people can grow through sports. Some people that I've met personally have grown as better people by playing sports, being part of a team. I kind of take my experiences and use them to further how I talk about it, how I relay it to other people and as a reporter just give them that story that everyone wants to see. Things they love to hear and watch and I just kind of, I feel like I get that from my personal experiences.

Troy Rose:

Alright, well the master's program is only a year so what are some goals that you have set for yourself, over the next maybe three to five years? As far as your career goes.

Cole Johnson:

That's a tough one, it is tough. With it only being one year in the grad program, we don't have a lot of time to get things done. I wish I was here for four years to build that resume; I still did some resume building back in my undergrad but not as much as I get here. So, in one year, I would, I want to do as much as possible, juggle everything I can to get myself prepared for the field so in three to five years. In three to five years I want to be able to do several different things. I mean I came in here play-by-play, but I want to be able to know how to report a story, I want to know how to produce a story. I feel like in three to five years I want to be able to have a lot of different backgrounds so I can use that in several different jobs. Obviously in the first few years I'm going to start off with a lower level job, but just kind use that, use my ability of being very versatile to hopefully get me a bigger job down the road.

Troy Rose:

That's great, well is it anything else that you would like to add?

Cole Johnson:

No, that's it, I guess. Syracuse has been where I wanted to go entire life. I grew up close to here, I put all my marbles in to one basket to go here and it worked out and I'm very glad to be here and I hope it works out.

Troy Rose:

I am glad I had the opportunity to speak to you, Cole Johnson.