

# Owen Murray

Passionate sports journalist bringing soccer to America through multimedia.

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## EXPERIENCE

### Ranks FC, Remote — *MLS Correspondent and Chief Writer*

Freelance | May 2022 - PRESENT

Write articles for British news outlet presenting unique perspective on Major League Soccer, appear on podcast, and manage Twitter account @RankSquad (12.5k followers).

### Area Sports Network/House of Sounders, Seattle — *Beat Reporter*

Part-time | October 2022 - PRESENT

Attend Seattle Sounders home matches as credentialed media, write match review articles analyzing tactical trends, attend weekly training and press conferences post-match. Manage Instagram and Twitter accounts (@HouseofSounders), conduct player and staff interviews, and create matchday social content.

### The Daily Emerald, Eugene — *Sports Writer*

Part-time | July 2023 - PRESENT

Write weekly articles for print and digital publication of newspaper covering various sports, including football, basketball, and others. Develop ideas, cover breaking news, and work with editors and copy desks to produce feature and cover articles. Covered UO Acrobatics and Tumbling 2024 season as lead beat reporter.

## EDUCATION

### West Seattle High School — High School Diploma

September 2019 - June 2023

GPA: 4.25

Served as the drum major in the marching band, low brass section leader, and Editor-in-Chief of The Olympian student newspaper. Received Wildcat Pride Award and John Philip Sousa Award.

### University of Oregon — B.S., Journalism

September 2023 - PRESENT

I am a second-year student currently studying journalism, working at local independent student newspaper, *The Daily Emerald*, and rehearsing and performing with the Oregon Marching Band. I plan to complete my degree in three years.

## SKILLS

*Leadership* – served as drum major in West Seattle High School band program and captain with two soccer teams

*Writing* – extended experience working as lead beat writer focusing on both one club and full league

*Tactics* – Assistant Coach with Pathfinder K-8 GX soccer and possesses nuanced understanding of Laws of the Game as USSF referee

## AWARDS

### AP Scholar with Distinction

Average 3.5 or higher score on 5 or more AP exams

**Student Athlete (4x)** Maintained 3.7+ GPA while playing a sport

**WSHS Soccer Captain (2x)**

### John Philip Sousa Award (2023)

Presented for excellence in music and leadership

## ENDORSEMENTS

Brady Ruth, Daily Emerald Sports Editor | Dean Jones, Ranks FC Creative Director