

5:1a Types of Sports Stories



Figure 74

- Advance story: Appears before a game is played; gives the essentials of an upcoming game or athletic event:
 - Starting lineups
 - Entries
 - Lists of competitors
 - Background info on teams
 - History of rivalry
 - Records against one another
 - Strategy comparisons
 - Strengths and weaknesses of each team
 - May be in inverted pyramid or may be a feature
- Coverage story: About games already played.
 - Highlights
 - Outstanding plays
 - Exceptional performances
 - Body may be told chronologically, but usually just hits highlights

5:1b Types of Sports Stories

- Advance-Coverage stories: Covers story or stories already played, but focuses on upcoming game(s).
- Sports features:
 - Personality sketches
 - Athletic injuries and treatments
 - Stories about facilities
 - Rules changes
- Sports columns: Personal observations by sports editor

Figure 75



Figure 76

