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JESSE DOUGHERTY, Staff Writer at the *Washington Post*, He covers national college sports with a focus on business and the future of the industry. He previously covered the Washington Nationals for five years and authored a book on the team's 2019 title: *Buzz Saw: The Improbable Story of How the Washington Nationals Won the World Series*. Prior to joining the *Post* in 2017, Dougherty covered the NHL and NBA, among other sports, for the *Los Angeles Times*. He recently launched *What's Up With College Sports*, a Substack newsletter, which will complement his work at the *Post*. Jesse is a Syracuse University graduate and grew up near Philadelphia.



MIRIN FADER, Senior Staff Writer for *The Ringer*. She is the author of *GIANNIS: The Improbable Rise of an NBA Champion*, a *New York Times* Bestseller, as well as *DREAM: The Life and Legacy of Hakeem Olajuwon*. She has profiled some of the NBA's biggest stars, including Giannis Antetokounmpo, Ja Morant, DeMar DeRozan, and LaMelo Ball, telling the backstories that have shaped some of our most complex, most dominant, heroes. Fader wrote for *Bleacher Report* from 2017 to 2020 and the *Orange County Register* from 2013 to 2017. Her work has been featured in the "Best American Sports Writing" series and honored by the Pro Basketball Writers Association, the Associated Press Sports Editors, and the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.



LISA BELL WILSON, Editorial Director, Talent and Development, *The Athletic*. Wilson is also the Executive Director of the APSE Foundation which supports the APPSE Diversity in Leadership Fellowship. She previously served as the NFL editor at *The Athletic* and, previous to that post, as the senior editor for sports at ESPN's *The Undeclared*. In 2020, Wilson became the Associated Press Sports Editors (APSE) first Black female president in the organization's then 46-year history. Previous to her ESPN stint, Wilson spent over 18 years at *The Buffalo News*, including the last six as Executive Sports Editor, at a time during which she was the only Black woman leading a sports section at a USA metropolitan daily newspaper. Prior to *The News*, she was sport reporter, feature editor, and sports editor at the *Niagara Gazette*.



NAILA-JEAN MEYERS, Senior Assistant Sports Editor, *The Minnesota Star Tribune*. She oversees coverage of the Vikings and the Olympics and the department's digital and audience strategy. She joined the *Minnesota Star Tribune* in 2020 after 15 years as an editor in the sports department at *The New York Times* where she covered everything from Grand Slam tennis tournaments to Super Bowls. She also previously worked at the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and the *Sporting News*. She is a past president of Associated Press Sports Editors (APSE). She grew up in Ames, Iowa, and is a graduate of Northwestern University.