

STEVE GAMEL Denton Record Chronicle

Steve Gamel has been dedicated to covering high school sports for the past 24 years. He got his big break while in college when he was offered a job with the Lewisville News, and his first assignment was to be the beat reporter for the Flower Mound Marcus football team. The Marauders proceeded to go on a magical run to win a Class 5A state title at the Houston Astrodome, and Steve was forever hooked on what he believed was the greatest job in the world. More than two decades later, he still feels that way and has had the good fortune of covering some of the best teams and athletes in the state across all sports in boys and girls athletics. His career includes stints at the Dallas Morning News, Allen Publishing, and, currently, the Denton Record-Chronicle. He has worked for the Denton Record-Chronicle as both a freelance and full-time sportswriter since 2013 and has been recognized by the Associated Press Sports Editors and Texas Associated Press Managing Editors for articles he's written.

Steve believes in being a friendly, honest, and trustworthy journalist who goes about his job the right way and with class. He also believes his job description goes beyond keeping track of touchdowns, buzzer-beating 3-pointers, and hat tricks. He is known to many as "Newspaper Steve," and he's worked tirelessly over the years to build genuine relationships with coaches, players, parents, fans, loyal readers, and hundreds upon hundreds of fellow sportswriters from around the state.

Originally from Houston, Texas, Steve moved to Denton in 1996 and later earned his degree in Broadcast Journalism from the University of North Texas. When he's not covering sports, Steve enjoys spending time with his family. He and his wife, Leslie, have been married for 16 years and have two boys: Christian (14) and Jackson (9). He has also owned a successful writing and editing services business called Edit This since 2014, where he writes and edits all types of written content for small businesses and individuals.