



## winning places

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### The Best Seat in the House

The coolest thing about my internship is where I get to work. I get one of the best seats in the house for all University of Utah football and basketball games. At the basketball games I am courtside on press row and at the football games I get to stand on the sideline just feet away from the action. Sometimes I wonder if I am really doing this for a job. It is a completely different game when you are that close; it is something you have to experience to fully understand.

I am an intern for Utah Sports Properties, a company that handles all of the sponsorships for University of Utah athletics. We have a pre game tailgating hospitality tent for our sponsors to come and eat before the game. During the games we make sure that all promotions during timeouts and halftime run smooth and our clients are taken care of. There are many long and tiring hours setting up before games but it is all worth it once you get down to the field/court and get that close to the excitement. The picture enclosed was taken just seconds before the Utah fans rushed the field when Utah defeated BYU to wrap up a perfect regular season. We then drove our Utah One truck out onto the field for the trophy presentation. Brian Johnson, Paul Kruger, and Coach Whittingham got up on our truck bed to accept the award. We finished up work that night after being outside for over 13 hours. I was cold and tired but it hadn't even hit me until then. It was such an exciting game and is something that I will always remember. It was just another day at the job with Utah Sports Properties.