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**Stat Crew for Dummies**

Over the course of this semester, I completed an honors project with my faculty sponsor, Shane Donaldson. Shane is the Sports Information Director in the University of Rhode Island’s athletic department. One of the main jobs of a Sports Information Director (SID) is to keep track of game statistics. In order to do this, they use a software called Stat Crew. During games, SIDs input codes into this software based on what is happening real-time on the court or the field. This software compiles that information to provide a live play-by-play output, as well as compress the information into a final game report at the end of a competition.

For my honors project, I intended to learn how to use Stat Crew in a live game setting for basketball and baseball. I also wanted to learn about event operations for the different sports that an NCAA Division I institution may have. Over the course of the Spring 2018 semester, I was able to learn the basics of Stat Crew for men’s and women’s basketball, as well as baseball and softball. I was also able to work as the head media relations point-person at the Atlantic 10 Indoor Track & Field Conference Championships, hosted by the University of Rhode Island.

The most important takeaways from this project tie into the importance of Stat Crew. Player statistics are useful in helping coaches make game-time decisions about their teams, as well as useful in marketing student-athletes to media outlets and prospective agents and professional teams. This, paired with event operations, are imperative parts of a SID’s job.