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Senior Capstone Process Slideshow 2025



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Beginning Research and Drafts

What will I be studying?

- ***What qualities or support systems enable athletes to overcome adversity and succeed?***
 - This question allows me to highlight resilience, mindset, and the roles of family, coaches, and community in one's ability to persevere through tough patches in life.
 - Some of the events that these athletes have gone through are losses of a friends, family, as well as physical limitations, and mental limitations.
- ***Why this?***
 - Sports have been the backbone of my college experience, providing a constant source of comfort through both challenging and happy times. Whether balancing work, academics, or simply unwinding, I consistently turn to sports as a reliable outlet at the end of each day. My appreciation for sports extends beyond their competitive nature; I view them as a valuable means of relief and resilience. Through this project, I aim to highlight and honor the role of sports as more than a pastime, but as a vital source of support and inspiration.

What will I be studying?

I will be highlighting athletes who have faced significant challenges in their lives and successfully rebounded, overcoming adversity.

Examples:

- **Pierre Gasly (Formula 1)** – After the tragic loss of his childhood best friend, Gasly secured his first Formula 1 victory just a year later.
- **David Pastrnak (Hockey)** – Following the heartbreaking passing of his newborn son, Pastrnak rose to become one of the NHL's leading goal scorers.
- **Isaiah Thomas (Basketball)** – Shortly before the 2017 playoffs, Thomas lost his sister in a car accident, yet he continued to excel on the court.

Why are you choosing this project?

- I chose this project because of my long-standing passion for sports and the admiration I hold for athletes who overcame adversity. Stories like that of my favorite Formula 1 driver, Pierre Gasly, are especially inspiring. After being demoted from Red Bull's A-team to their B-team, Gasly endured the devastating loss of his best friend in a racing accident. Despite these setbacks, he persevered and secured his first win the following year with the B-team. For those not familiar with Formula 1, the B-team car was nowhere near as good as the A-team's car, so this is a really rare race win. These personal journeys are way more inspiring than any stat or record.



Pierre Gasly on the podium for his first win in Formula One 13 months after his childhood best friend Anthoine Hubert's passing

Capstone Overview

- My capstone project is divided into three main components:
 - Posters
 - Booklet
 - Timeline (decided to cut)



Romain Grosjean climbing out of a fireball caused by an accident, he will have severe burns on his hands, yet continue to race in motosports in Indycar

Current athletes I have in mind

AJ Brown

Joe Andruzzi

Logan Thompson

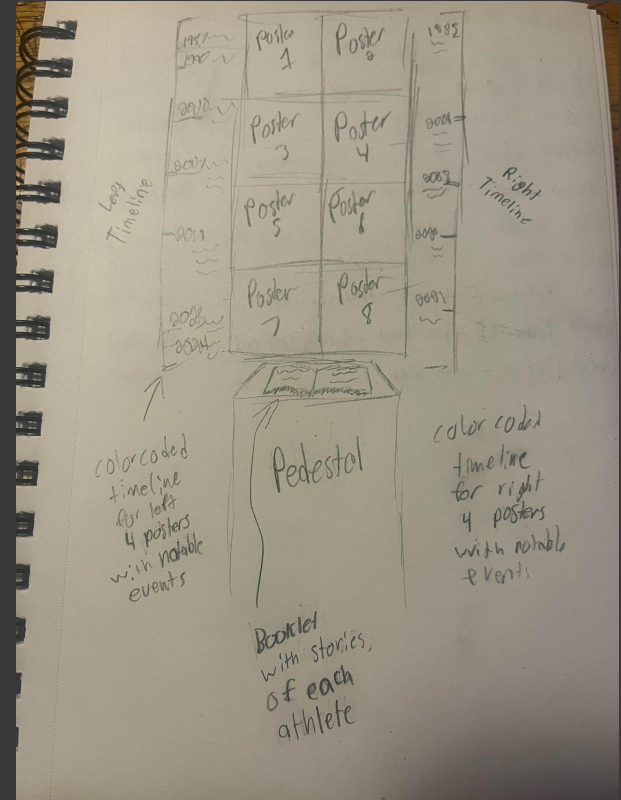
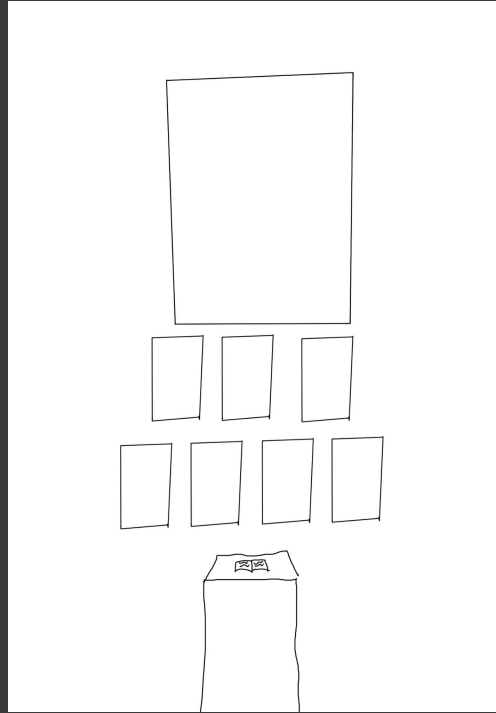
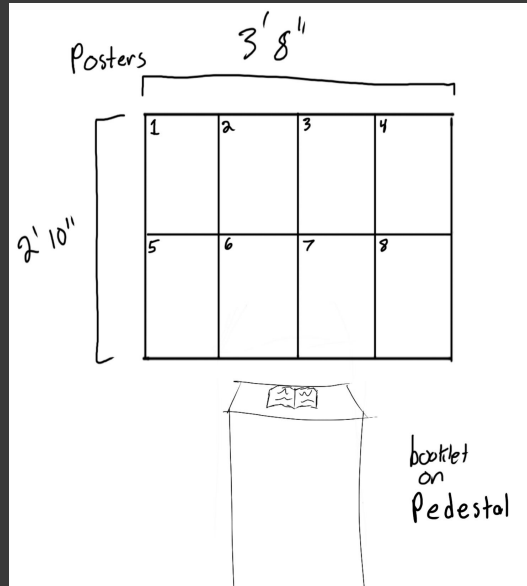


- Pierre Gasly - F1 - Lost friend ★
- David Pastrnak - Hockey - Lost son ★
- Isaiah Thomas - Basketball - Lost sister ★
- Michael Phelps - Swimming - Mental ★
- Marcus Smart - Basketball - Lost brother ★
- Paul George - Basketball - Injury
- Max Verstappen - F1 - Father Relationship
- Devin McCourty - Football - Lost Daughter ★

- Niki Lauda - F1 - Injury
- David Ortiz - Baseball - Injury/derek jeter/fernando tatis jr
- Romain Grosjean - F1 - Injury ★
- Jimmy Butler - Basketball - Family
- Jorge Martin - MotoGP - Injury
- Marc Marquez - MotoGP - Injury
- Peyton Manning - Football - Injury
- Rob Gronkowski - Football - Injury

★ = chosen athlete

Installation ideas / Sketches



Installation ideas / Sketches

Poster

2-3 photo mash

big name

multi-team
(if possible)

Booklet

Dates/timeline

Stats

Story

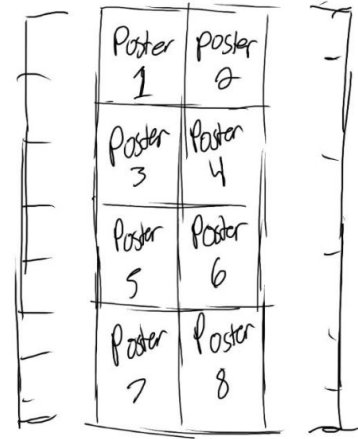
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Small picture

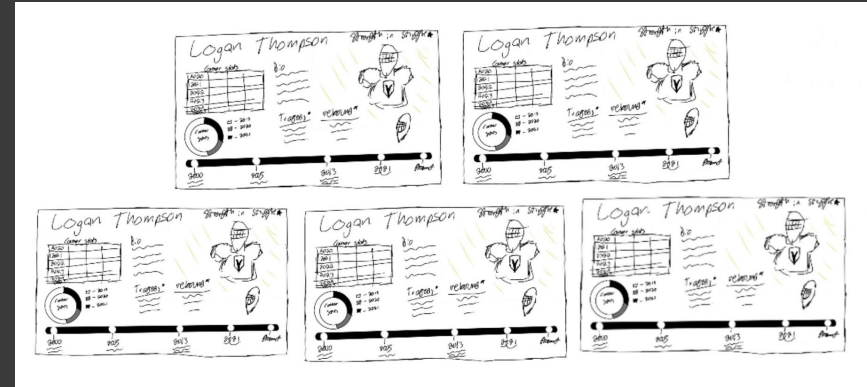
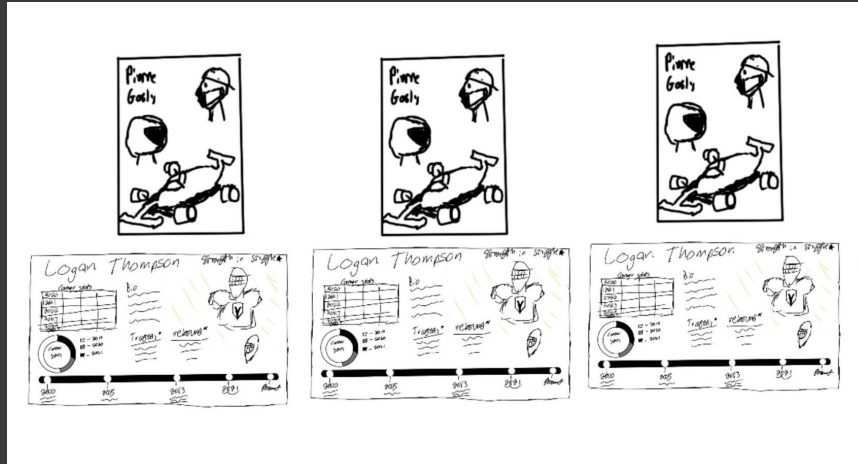
Display

Quote (simone biles)

Jerseys?

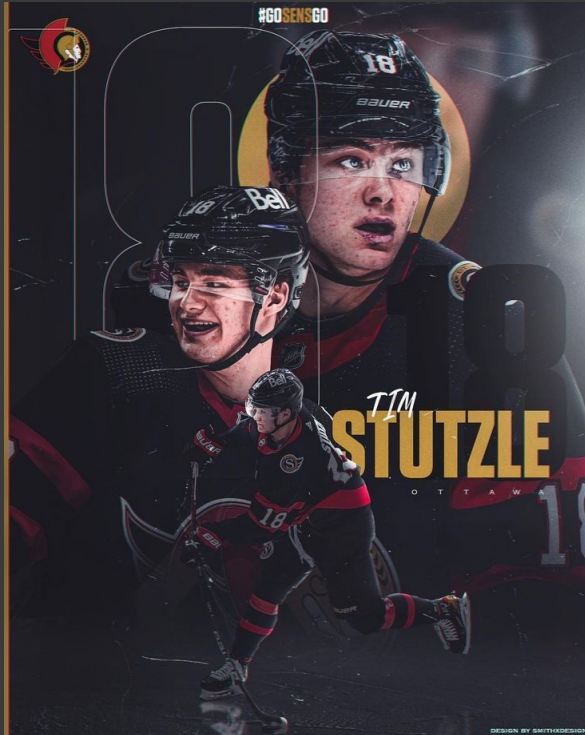


Installation ideas / Sketches

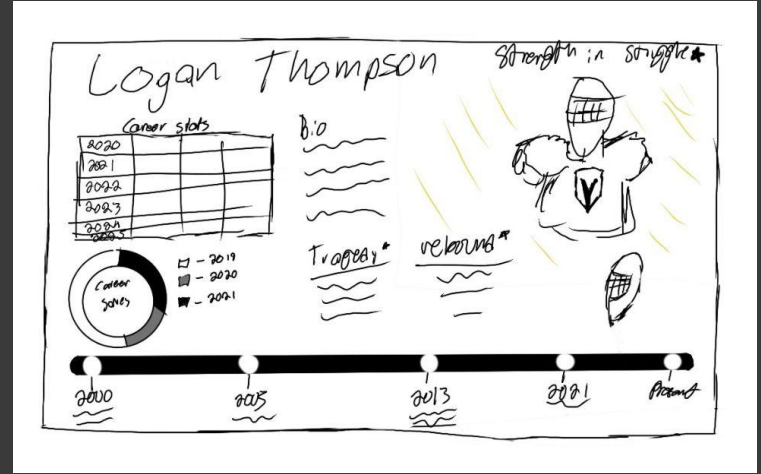
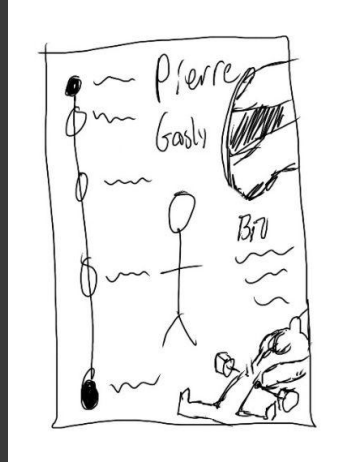
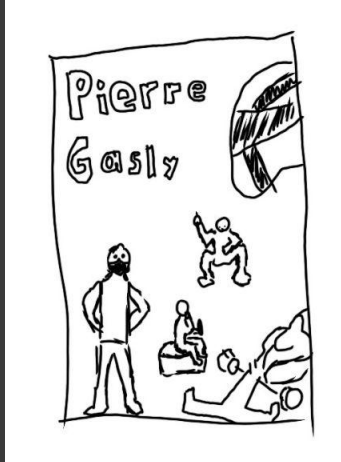


Posters

Inspiration of posters

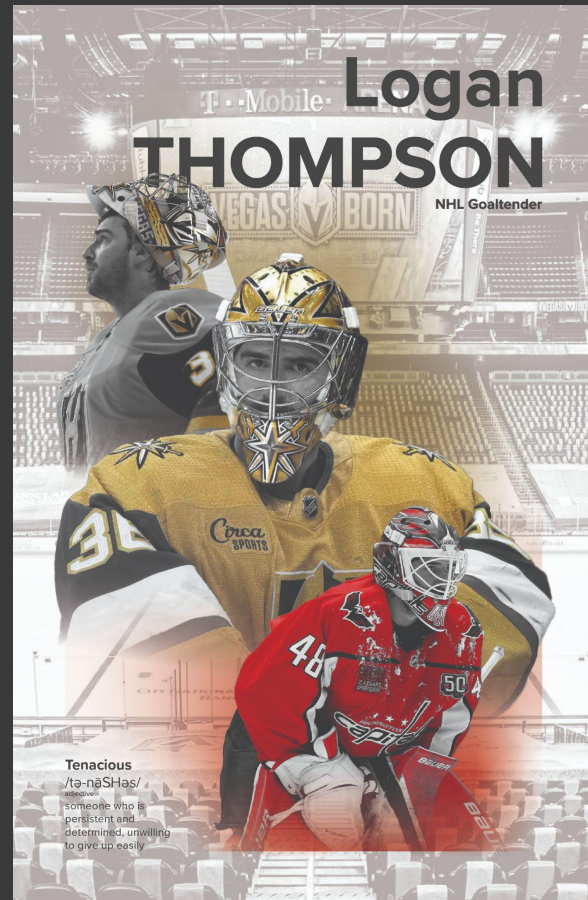
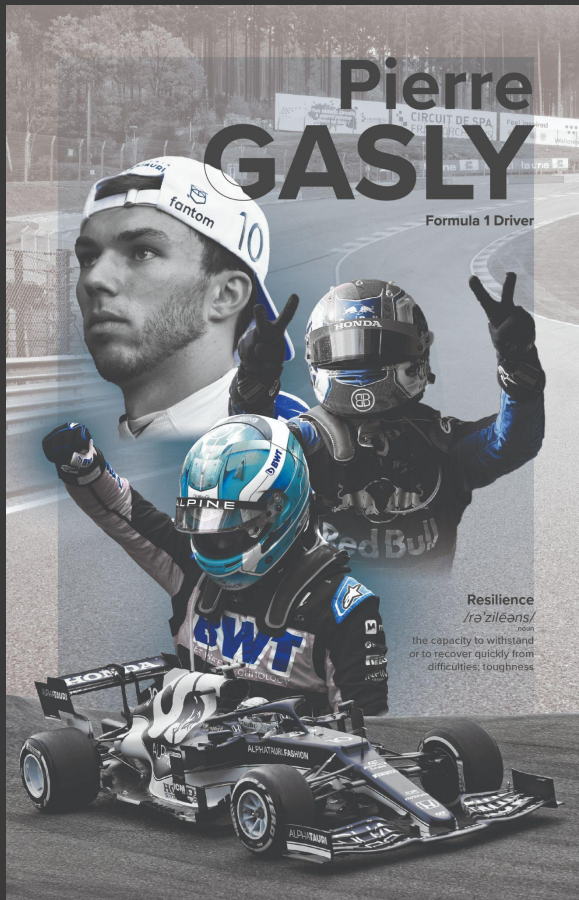


Poster Sketches



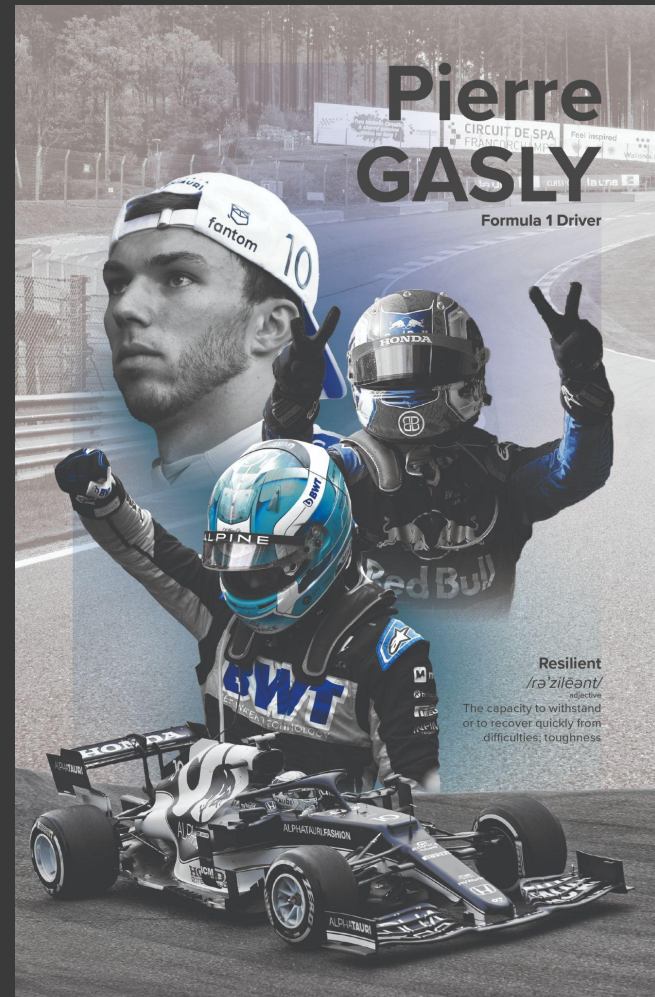
Semi-final drafts of posters

- Black and white with one color
- Somewhat action shots of athlete
- What they are
- Definition corresponding to story

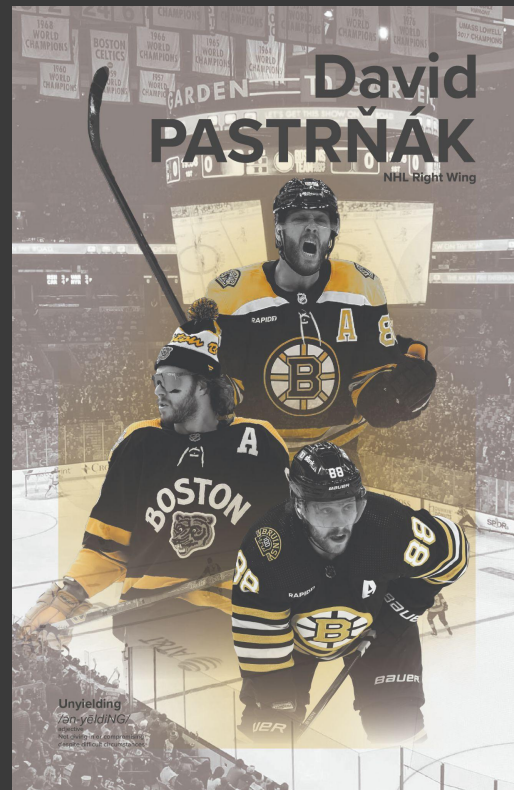
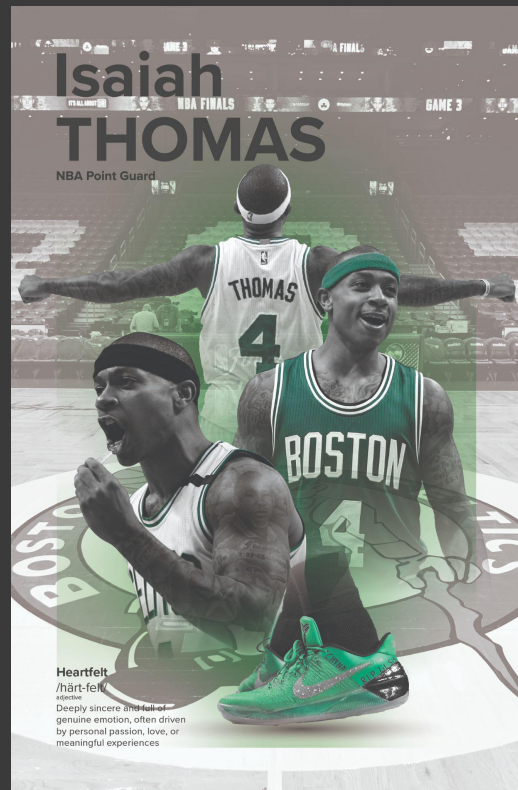
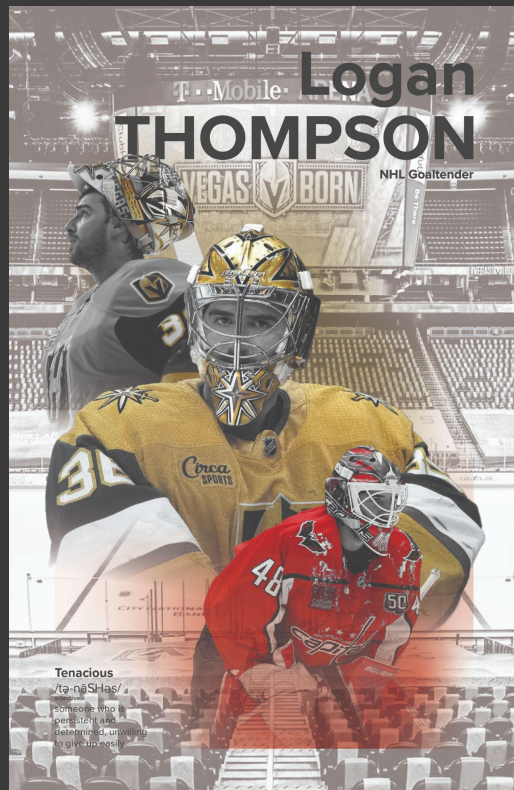


Poster (planned for 2ft x 3ft)

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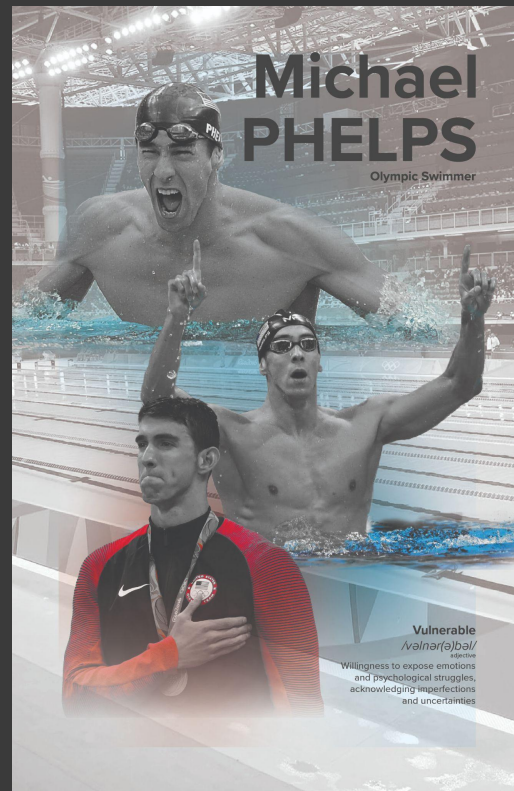
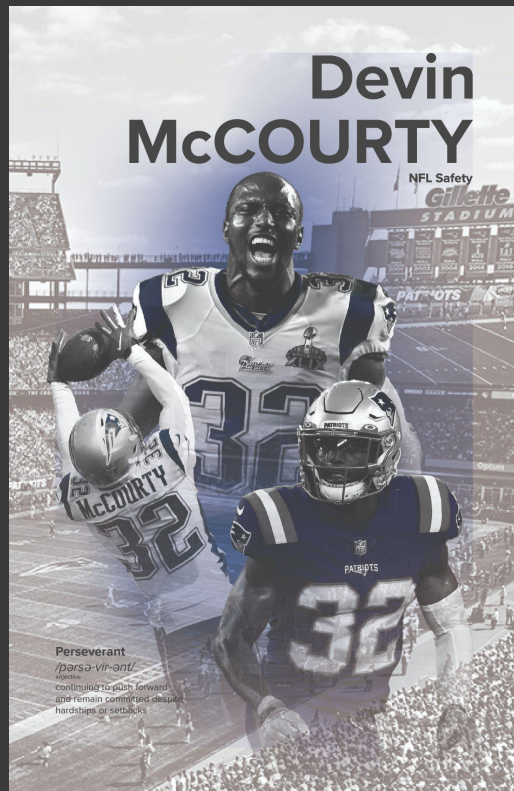


Posters (11in x 17in)



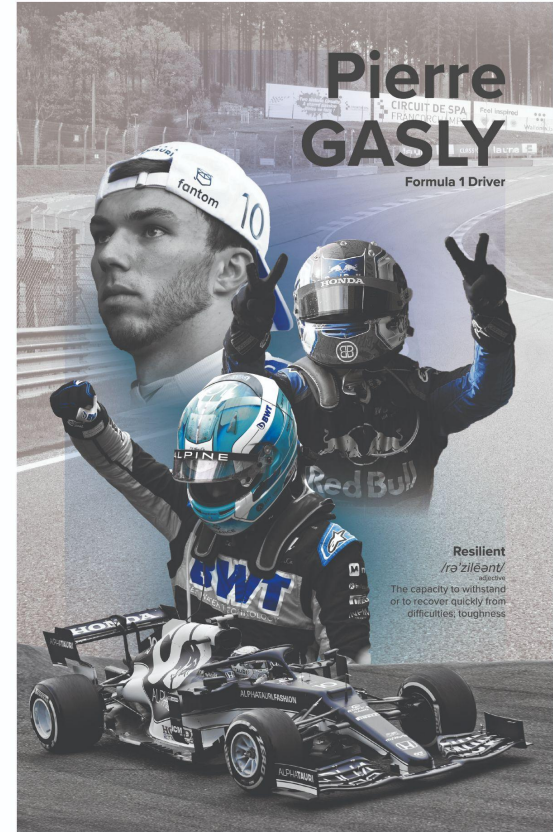
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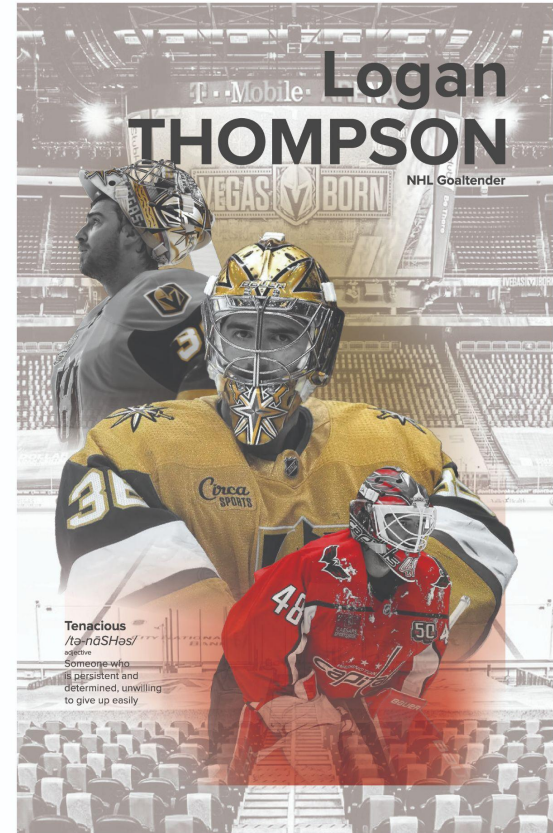


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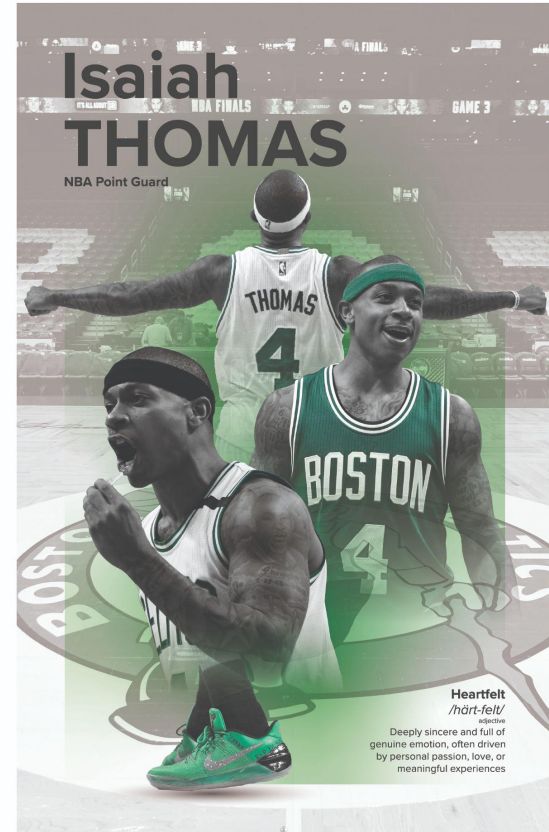
Final Posters (11in x 17in) - Pierre Gasly



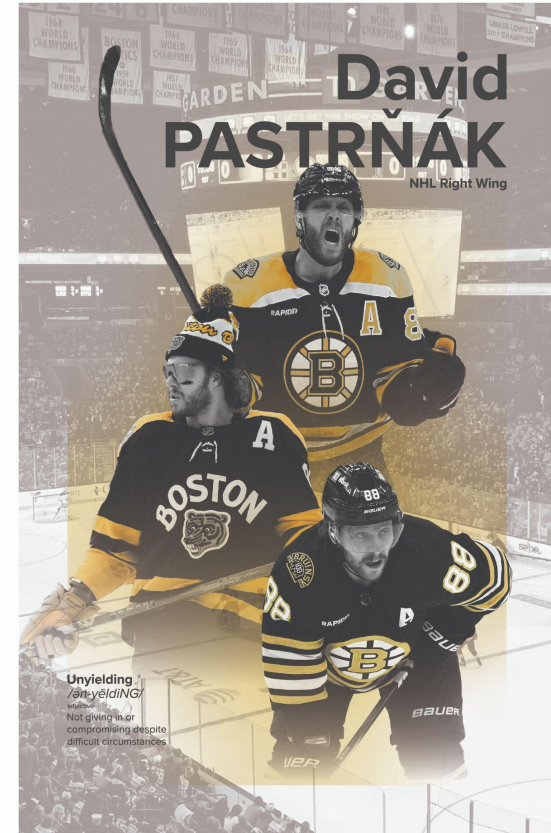
Final Posters (11in x 17in) - Logan Thompson



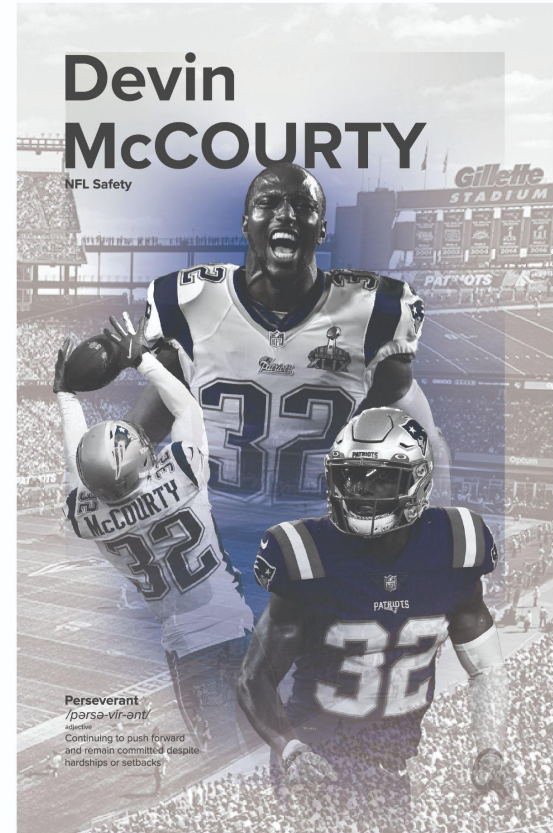
Final Posters (11in x 17in) - Isaiah Thomas



Final Posters (11in x 17in) - David Pastrnak



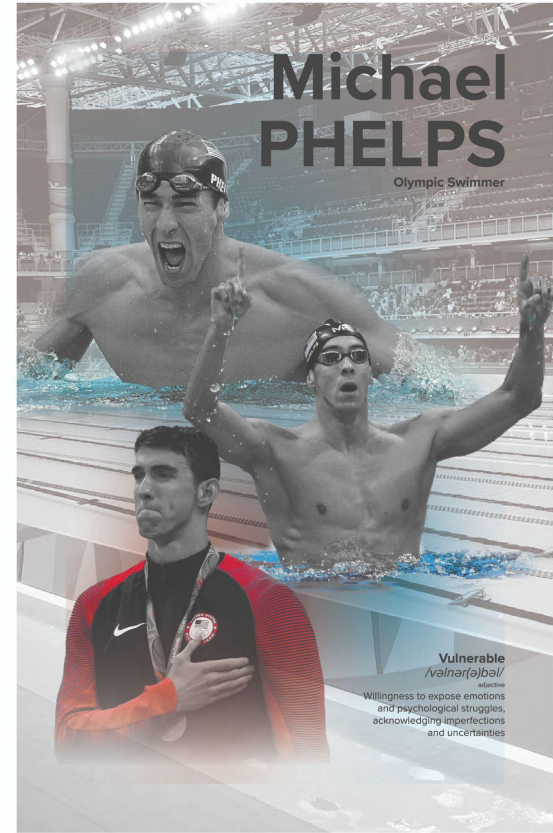
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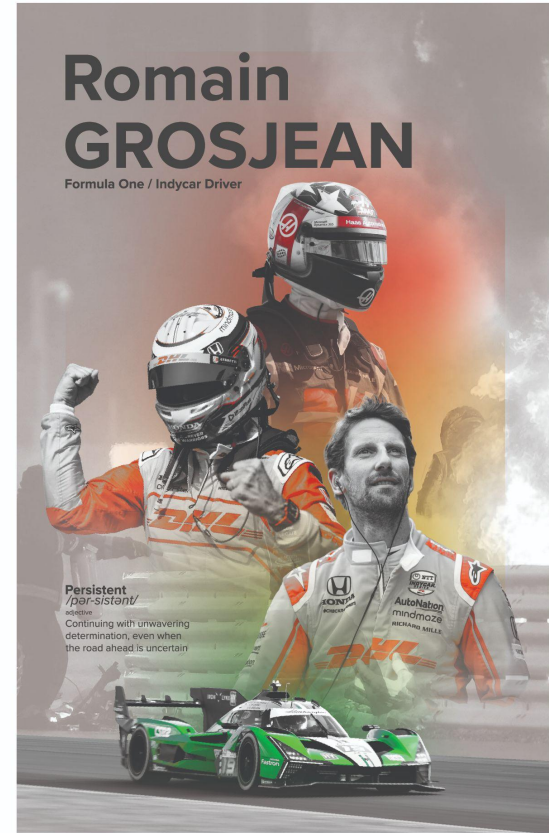
Final Posters (11in x 17in) - Marcus Smart



Final Posters (11in x 17in) - Michael Phelps



Final Posters (11in x 17in) - Romain Grosjean

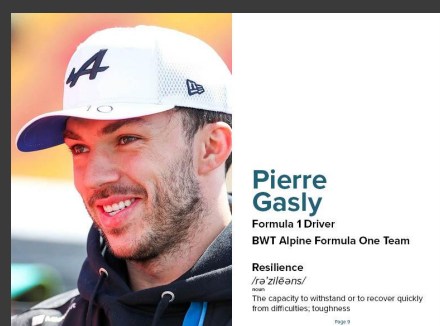
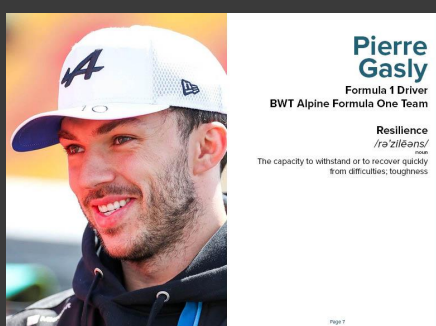
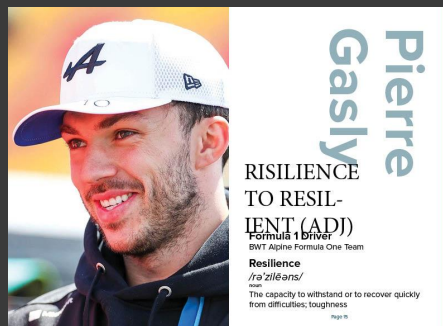
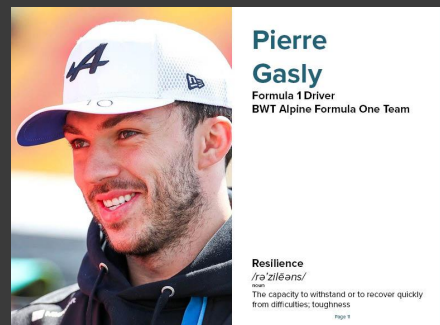
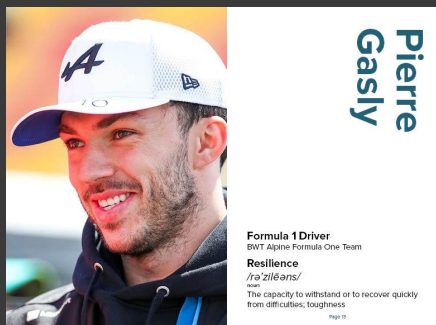
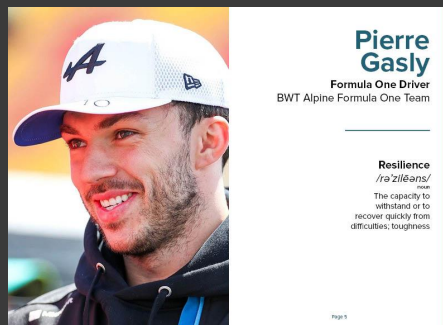


Printed Posters



Booklet

Drafts of booklet “chapters”



Early drafts of booklet

Biography

Early Life and Karting Beginnings

(2006-2010)

Born on February 7, 1996, in Normandy, France, Gasly began karting in 2006. Although he finished 15th in the French Minime Championship that year, and he improved to 4th in 2007. By 2008, he was competing internationally in the KF3 category and became runner-up in the 2010 CJK-RA European Championship.



Single-Seater Racing and Red Bull Team

(2011-2014)

In 2011, Gasly moved to single-seater racing, finishing 3rd in the French F4 Championship. He joined Formula Renault Eurocup with R.Ace GP in 2012, finishing 10th. His breakthrough came in 2013 when he won the championship with Tech 1 Racing. Red Bull Junior Team signed him for the 2014 season, marking his entry into the Formula 1 (F1) development program. Gasly raced in Formula Renault 3.5 and made a one-off appearance in GP2, gaining valuable experience.



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Reserve Driver and GP2 Success

(2015-2016)

Gasly got his first taste of an F1 car, testing for both Toro Rosso and Red Bull Racing. He was named Red Bull's reserve driver in 2016 while also competing in GP2, where he became champion with Pons Powerteam. Gasly moved to Japanese SuperFormula in 2017, securing two wins and narrowly missing the championship title due to the final race's cancellation. He made his F1 debut at the Malaysian Grand Prix, replacing Daniil Kvyat at Toro Rosso. Gasly continued with Toro Rosso for the remainder of the season, partnering with Brendon Hartley.



Full-Time F1 Driver with Toro Rosso

(2018)

Gasly became a full-time Formula 1 driver for Toro Rosso, partnering with Brendon Hartley. He impressed early with a 4th-place finish in Bahrain, but his season had ups and downs, including a crash with teammate Brendon Hartley. Gasly recorded four more points finishes during the season, including seventh place at Monaco and sixth place at Hungary. He ended the year 15th in the drivers' championship with 29 points.

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Promotion to Red Bull and Personal Tragedy

(2019)
In 2019, Gasly was promoted to Red Bull Racing alongside Max Verstappen. Despite high expectations, he struggled to match Verstappen's pace and was demoted back to Toro Rosso after the summer break. That same weekend as the demotion, Gasly's best friend, Anthoine Hubert, tragically passed away during an F2 race at Spa-Francorchamps. Despite this emotional blow, Gasly delivered a stunning performance a couple months later at the Brazilian Grand Prix, finishing 2nd and securing his first F1 podium. He concluded the season 7th in the championship with 95 points.



Victory at Monza and AlphaTauri Era

(2020)
Toro Rosso rebranded to AlphaTauri in 2020. Gasly had a solid season, highlighted by a remarkable win at the Italian Grand Prix battling till the last lap against his former teammate Carlos Sainz Jr. His victory was symbolic, coming just over a year after Hubert's passing. Gasly ended the season 10th with 75 points.



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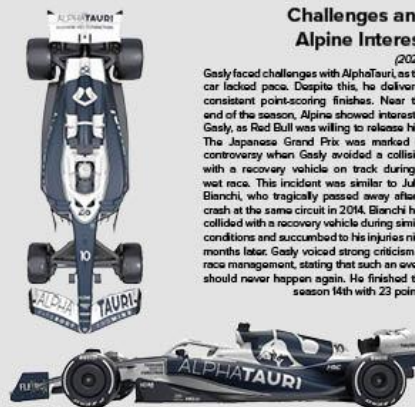
Strong Performance and Podium Finish

(2021)
The 2021 season saw Gasly continue to perform strongly for AlphaTauri, showcasing his talent with impressive drives. He earned a podium in Azerbaijan after a chaotic race and consistently scored points throughout the year, proving his reliability. Finishing 9th in the championship with 110 points, one of his most consistent seasons. There was speculation about a possible return to Red Bull, as many believed he deserved another chance. However, Gasly will remain the lead driver for AlphaTauri.



Challenges and Alpine Interest

(2022)
Gasly faced challenges with AlphaTauri, as the car lacked pace. Despite this, he delivered consistent point-scoring finishes. Near the end of the season, Alpine showed interest in Gasly, as Red Bull was willing to release him. The Japanese Grand Prix was marked by controversy when Gasly avoided a collision with a recovery vehicle on track during a wet race. This incident was similar to Jules Bianchi, who tragically passed away after a crash at the same circuit in 2014. Bianchi had collided with a recovery vehicle during similar conditions and succumbed to his injuries nine months later. Gasly voiced strong criticism of race management, stating that such an event should never happen again. He finished the season 14th with 23 points.



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Joining Alpine and Continued Resilience

(2023)
Gasly joined Alpine for the 2023 season, partnering with former kiting rival Esteban Ocon in an all-French driver lineup. His debut race was a testament to his resilience, as he recovered from starting last to finish 9th, immediately showcasing his racecraft. Although Alpine struggled with performance and consistency throughout the season, Gasly still delivered strong drives, including a standout podium finish in the Netherlands, where he capitalized on changing conditions and strategy. Despite the team's challenges, he secured multiple points finishes and ended the season 16th in the championship with 62 points, proving his ability to maximize results.



Building Momentum and Strong Finish

(2024)
Gasly continued with Alpine and showed resilience despite early-season struggles. A standout moment came in Brazil, where he finished 3rd alongside teammate Ocon's 2nd-place finish—the best result for the team. Gasly concluded the season 7th in Abu Dhabi, helping Alpine secure 6th in the constructors' standings. He finished the season 9th in the drivers' championship with 72 points. Gasly is signed with Alpine until 2026 and looks forward to the new season with rookie teammate Jack Doohan.



Career Stats

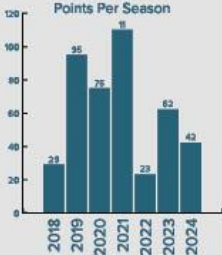
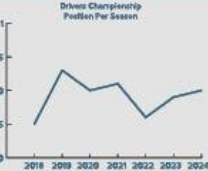
Career Wins
1

Career Podiums
5

Average Qualifying Position
11.2

Average Finishing Position
10.2

Fastest Laps
3



Early drafts of booklet



Logan Thompson

NHL Goaltender

Tenacious

/tə-nāSHəs/
adjective

Someone who
is persistent and
determined, unwilling
to give up easily

Early drafts of booklet

Biography

Early Beginnings

(1997-2015)

Logan Thompson was born on February 25, 1997, in Calgary, Alberta. As a child, he showed a natural affinity for hockey, often choosing to play goalie while other kids preferred scoring goals. He played youth hockey in Calgary and quickly stood out for his competitiveness and lightning-fast reflexes.

WHL Tenure with the Brandon Wheat Kings

(2014-2016)

Thompson began his junior hockey career with the Brandon Wheat Kings in the Western Hockey League (WHL) during the 2014-15 season. Over four seasons, he played 122 regular-season games, achieving a .905 save percentage and a 3.36 goals-against average. Notably, he contributed to the Wheat Kings' WHL Championship victory in 2016.

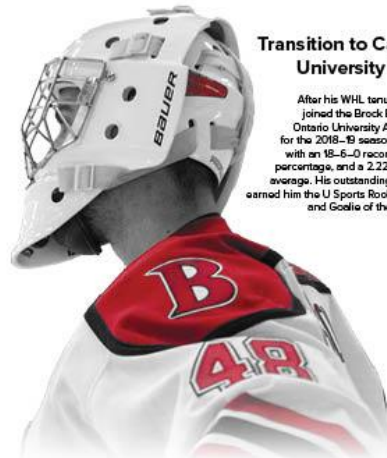


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Transition to Canadian University Hockey

(2018-2019)

After his WHL tenure, Thompson joined the Brock Badgers in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) for the 2018-19 season. He excelled with an 18-6-0 record, a .934 save percentage, and a 2.22 goals-against average. His outstanding performance earned him the U Sports Rookie of the Year and Goalie of the Year awards.



Professional Beginnings in the ECHL

(2019-2020)

Post-university, Thompson signed with the Adirondack Thunder of the ECHL in March 2019, appearing in eight games. He then secured a professional tryout with the Binghamton Devils of the AHL, playing in one game. In May 2019, he signed a one-year contract with the Hershey Bears of the AHL but spent the 2019-20 season with their ECHL affiliate, the South Carolina Stingrays. There, he recorded a 23-8-1 record, a .929 save percentage, and a 2.25 goals-against average.



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Professional Breakthrough

(2019-2020)
Thompson signed with the Vegas Golden Knights organization in 2020 after playing with the ECHL's South Carolina Stingrays. Despite starting in the lower leagues, his performance caught the attention of Vegas management. He was promoted to the American Hockey League (AHL), where he became a standout goaltender.



Dominance in the AHL

(2020-2021)
During the 2020-2021 season, Thompson was named the AHL's Goaltender of the Year after posting a remarkable save percentage and leading his team to several key victories. His performance earned him a call-up to the NHL, where he made his debut for the Vegas Golden Knights.



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NHL Debut Season

(2021-2022)
Thompson became a regular part of Vegas' goaltending rotation during the 2021-2022 season. He quickly earned a reputation for his fearless play and calm demeanor in high-pressure situations. Despite Vegas missing the playoffs, Thompson emerged as a bright spot and a fan favorite.



Rising Star and Heartbreaking Injury

(2022-2023)
By the 2022-2023 season, Thompson was Vegas' starting goaltender. He was having a career-best season, including an all-star appearance, when, in March 2023, he suffered a severe lower-body injury that sidelined him for the remainder of the season. While Vegas went on to win the Stanley Cup, Thompson watched from the sidelines, grappling with a mix of pride and personal disappointment. Despite missing the on-ice celebration, he remained a supportive teammate and promised to return stronger.



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A Rollercoaster Year

(2023-2024)

The 2023 season was filled with highs and lows for Logan Thompson. Returning from his devastating injury the previous year, he started strong, quickly regaining his form as a reliable netminder for the Vegas Golden Knights. Thompson played a pivotal role in keeping Vegas competitive throughout the season. Despite his efforts, the team faced inconsistency and narrowly missed the playoffs. Thompson's resilience and ability to bounce back from adversity cemented his status as one of the league's rising stars, setting the stage for future success.



The Trade to Washington

(2024 Offseason)

In a shocking turn of events during a fan signing session in Las Vegas, Thompson learned he had been traded to the Washington Capitals. The news was unexpected, but Thompson handled it with professionalism. "I've faced challenges before. This is just a new chapter," he said.



Fresh Start with the Washington Capitals

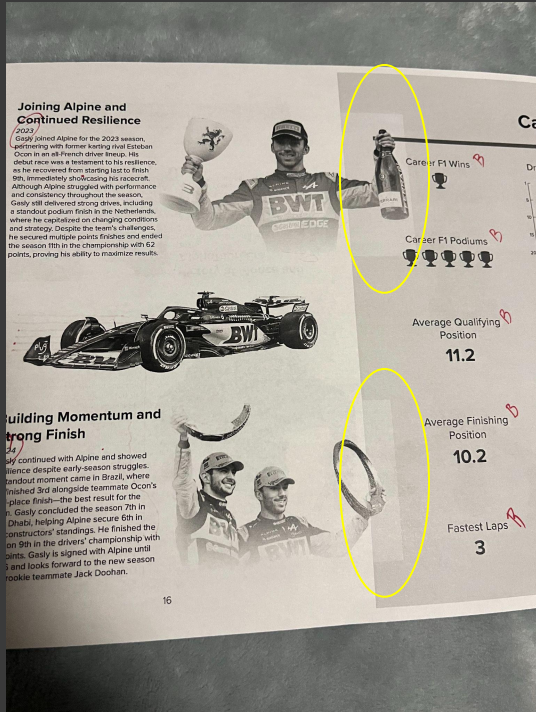
(2024)

Thompson made an immediate impact with the Capitals, solidifying their goaltending situation and helping the team return to playoff contention. His impressive performance earned him accolades and admiration from Washington fans, as well as a six-year contract extension. As the 2024-2025 season unfolded, Thompson emerged as the second-best goaltender in the NHL. His save percentage, clutch performances, and ability to read plays made him a cornerstone of the Capitals' success. Analysts and fans marveled at how Thompson had not only rebounded from his setbacks but exceeded all expectations.



Career Stats

Issues when test printing



Finished Booklet

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Finished Booklet

The Breakout Year

2016-2017
The 2016-2017 season was a defining year for Thomas, solidifying his status as one of the NBA's elite players. He earned his second All-Star appearance and led the Celtics to the top seed in the Eastern Conference with his extraordinary performance. Averaging 28.5 points per game, he became one of the league's most prolific scorers and a key leader on the court. His clutch shots, sharp free-throw line, and ability to take over games made him a nightmare for defenders, cementing his championship aspirations and cementing his legacy in Celtics history.

Tragedy and Heroics

April 2017
On April 16, 2017, just one day before the Celtics' first-round playoff match, Thomas' younger sister, Crystal, was killed in a car accident in Washington, D.C. Heartbroken and grieving, Thomas had the option to sit out the game, but he chose to play in her honor. On April 16, 2017, with tears in his eyes, he "died" on the court, scoring a career-high 33 points against the Chicago Bulls. His emotional performance and his teammates' support in the locker room, however, and even opponents, it was a display of incredible courage and resilience.

"I wanted to play for her," Thomas said after the game, holding back tears. "She would've wanted me to."



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The 53-Point Masterpiece

May 2017
Just weeks after his sister's tragic passing, Jayson Thomas delivered one of the greatest play performances in NBA history, showcasing resilience and heart. On May 2, 2017, when the Celtics faced the Cleveland Cavaliers, Thomas exploded for 53 points in a historic performance against the Washington Wizards, leading the Celtics to victory. Displaying great and a legendary play, he displayed incredible determination, with his performance serving as a testament to his mental strength, love for the game, and unwavering dedication to his team.

Injury and Setbacks

2017-2018
Despite his heroic performance, Thomas never took a step back as a player. He continued to push himself to his physical and mental limits, showcasing his resilience and ability to overcome adversity. In the 2017-2018 season, Thomas suffered a knee injury during the Christmas game, but he returned to the court in January 2018, leading the Celtics to a 16-1 record in the second half of the season. His ability to overcome adversity and his commitment to his team are a testament to his mental strength and resilience.

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Olympic Redemption and Mental Health Advocacy

2016
Despite his mental health challenges, Thomas returned to the 2016 London Olympics, which was a significant moment in his life. He won four gold medals and two silver medals, cementing his legacy as one of the greatest athletes of all time. Behind his success, Thomas continued to battle with his mental health and bipolar disorder. His personal struggles became a public conversation, leading to a viral interview in 2016.

Recovery and Triumphant Return

2016-2017
Thomas's return to competitive sports was a journey. He returned with Coach Thomas, and his return was a testament to his mental health and his ability to overcome adversity. He began to talk publicly about mental health, using his platform to encourage others to seek help. During the 2016 Olympics, his performance in his sport showed that he was the gold medalist and was able to make his place as the greatest Olympian of all time, but it also showed the culmination of his personal journey from struggle to triumph.

Retirement and Advocacy

2016-Present
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Pierre Gasly

Formula One Driver
Currently racing for
BWT Alpine Formula One Team

Resilient

resilient (adjective)

The capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness



Career Stats



Strength in Struggle

Eight stories of resilience—millions more that inspire.



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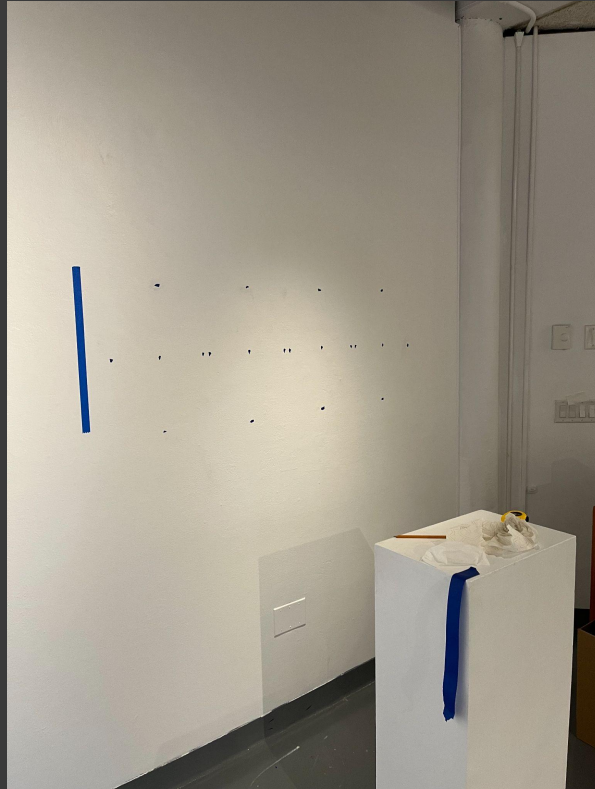
Finished Booklet Mockup



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Installation

Installation Set-up



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Temporary Lighting

Final

Final Installation



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Thank you!

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