

Artist Statement

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From a young age, I have had a passion for photography. Every summer I would get a disposable camera to take lots of pictures. Those varied from photographing my friends, my pets, places I visited to just anything else I found interesting. I have also always been very active and sporty. You could find me playing any outdoor game or sport there is. I spent hours playing tennis, soccer, basketball, cycling, skateboarding or even just playing jump rope games. Combining that love for sports with my passion for photography has been a way for me to show my passions and a great form of release and expression.

As an athlete myself, observing the emotions in the people around me has always been something I have found fascinating. This interest evolved into me using photography as a medium to explore those psychological states. Having discovered sports photography, it has given me a clear way to connect that curiosity with my enthusiasm for sports and the human form. My collages involve multiple layers, unique compositions and mixtures of colour to evoke emotional states experienced while competing in a sport and more specifically in the mentally gruelling game of tennis. The main goal with my art is to spark interest in the viewer and allow a time for reflection.