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MY name is Jessica Gledhill and the last thing I expected to be offered while on a tour around Europe was an opportunity to write as a sport journalist for the *Riverine Herald*.

I have recently returned after 37 days overseas, still slightly jet-lagged, to now be contributing to the sports section alongside Ben Carter and David Chapman.

Yet to finish my degree, I am

continuing to study at La Trobe University, Bundoora, while living in Echuca and have one final semester to complete a Bachelor of Journalism (Sport).

I received a Facebook message in Italy which led to a phone call that gave me the chance to work in a field I love, for a paper I have grown up with, about people who I have known through my own involvement in sport.

From a young age I have wanted to be a journalist and pursued this all through high school, having completed work experience in year 10 with the *Riv*, and then went on to my degree.

At the age of 20 I do not have a wealth of experience in the field behind me so you will have to be patient with me as I find my feet.

During my degree I comple-

ted an internship with the ABC in Bendigo, working on the Central Victoria radio station in a content making position.

I enjoyed the fast paced nature of radio journalism and the ability to deliver a story based on the personal accounts that are streamed directly to an audience, however I have always returned to print as my true passion.

Sport has always been a

major part of my life having played both netball and tennis from a young age with my family and I enjoy spectating no matter what the sport.

I am a huge fan of AFL and follow the Western Bulldogs.

My other sporting heroes include Melbourne Vixens (now injured) goal attack Tegan Caldwell and fellow shooting legend Sharelle McMahon, and have a soft spot for

Novak Djokovic when it comes to tennis.

I have been involved with the *Riv* on other occasions, contributing to their online blogs with my pieces on *My Sister Her Cancer Story*, which have received great feedback from the people around me.

I hope to continue to write for the blog while here and am looking forward to the future to come with this opportunity.