Like many young adults my age, I don’t usually rely on a physical newspaper to get myself updated on what is going on nationally, locally, or around the world. In fact, the only sort of news that I really pay attention to is in the world of sports. I spend a lot of downtime reading articles from websites that are dedicated to following my favorite sport teams. I also rarely use a computer to gain access to these articles. I get most of my news from apps that I have downloaded to my phone. Because of this, I along with millions of other people, have quick and easy access to any breaking news regarding my favorite sports teams.

There are multiple apps that I use on my phone that allow me to keep up with the latest news going around the sports world. My favorite app is my ESPN app. I use this multiple times daily to keep track of some of my favorite teams. I also get alerts to my phone that tell me when any breaking news has happened. This is where I get access to many of the articles I read when I have down time or any videos I watch that involve one of my teams. Bleacher Report is another app/website that I frequently visit. Like my ESPN app, I can get updates on my teams and also get access to articles written by Bleacher Report writers. The reason I have both of these apps is because I like reading opinions from two different viewpoints. I am also a sports nerd and just enjoy reading and staying updated on what’s going on around the sports world.

When I do use my laptop to follow the news I use Google as my main search engine. I then click on the “news” category at the top of the page to narrow my search. Most of the time I read articles from the *Chicago Tribune* or *Chicago Sun-Times* because I follow most of the Chicago sport teams and enjoy reading articles written by a Chicago source. Although you can comment on these articles online, I normally don’t read the comments or do any commenting myself. I would rather just trust the word of the original writer of the story.

My favorite format to gain access to any news is Twitter. Social media makes following the biggest news going on around the country and globe much easier. If I want to know what’s going on in politics, I can just follow whatever news outlet I want to on Twitter. For example, if I want to know about the new tax reform, I simply type, “tax reform” in the search box on Twitter and immediately have access to hundreds of articles regarding that topic. Another perk of using Twitter is that I can stay updated on news going on locally, nationally, and internationally. It also shows whether or not a source is reliable. If someone on Twitter has a blue check next to their name, they are considered “verified”. This means that it’s actually a person with credibility and not just someone with a bias opinion or someone relaying false knowledge. I once visited a website that I later found out was written by people with opinions or theories, when I thought I was reading about a breaking story involving the Chicago Cubs. Although I don’t always sit down at a computer, I get a majority of my news from an online source.