

## Star Tribune Newsroom Hires Two Journalists to Expand Sports Coverage and Digital Storytelling

**MINNEAPOLIS – Jan. 25, 2018** – Aiming to expand its coverage into new areas, Star Tribune Media Co., Minnesota’s largest media company, today announced it has added two experienced journalists to its newsroom staff.

Chris Hine will be the Star Tribune’s first reporter devoted exclusively to uncovering and explaining new story lines in the growing world of sports analytics. His recurring “North Score” features will analyze and demystify the numbers, trends, and patterns that have rapidly become a major component of today’s sports conversation. Hine joins the Star Tribune after eight years with The Chicago Tribune, where he most recently covered the Chicago Blackhawks. He was also part of that newsroom’s coverage of the 2016 Summer Olympics in Brazil. Hine was recently named the Illinois Sportswriter of the Year by the National Sports Media Association.

Chase Davis has been named senior digital editor for the Star Tribune, where he will be responsible for leading digital storytelling that leverages a variety of new tools, technologies and processes. Davis, a native Minnesotan, joins the paper after nearly five years with The New York Times, where he led a 17-person team of journalists and developers who create software to support new story forms, newsgathering tools, digital products and interactive features. Previously, he was a reporter and editor at the Center for Investigative Reporting and a reporter for The Des Moines Register and The Houston Chronicle.

“Both the topics and methods of news continue to undergo rapid change,” said Rene Sanchez, editor and senior vice president of the Star Tribune, “so we’re delighted to add the expertise of Chris and Chase – who are among the very best in their fields. We look forward to the important contributions they can bring to our readers in showing us new ways to look at news and sports stories.”

### **About Star Tribune Media Company**

Celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2017, Star Tribune Media Company LLC is a locally owned, award-winning media company serving Minnesota and the upper Midwest. With the fifth-largest Sunday and sixth-largest daily circulation newspaper in the U.S., the most-visited local website, a range of home-delivered advertising solutions, and a popular arts/entertainment brand, Star Tribune reaches more consumers than any other Minnesota media brand.

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