

Neil Everett
ESPN Anchor

Neil Everett is one of ESPN's most recognizable and entertaining anchors. Establishing a broad background in broadcasting and media relations, Everett has climbed the ranks to become a part of the leading multimedia sports entertainment company.

Currently Everett co-hosts the West Coast edition of *Sportscenter* with Stan Verrett, seen at 1 a.m. ET. In the broadcasting world, Everett has served as an anchor for *ESPNNEWS* and several other local network affiliates.

A native of Spokane, Wash., Everett graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in journalism. After graduating, Everett started his broadcasting career at a radio station in Florence, Ore. A brief time later he moved to Hawaii to assume the position of sports information director and assistant athletic director at Hawaii Pacific University, a position he held for 15 years. While there he also contributed as the HPU basketball radio play-by-play announcer and served as communications director for the Jeep Aloha and Jeep Oahu bowls.

During his time at Hawaii Pacific, Everett worked as a feature reporter for the CBS affiliate to earn extra money. The affiliate's sports director, former Oregon Duck and NFL great Russ Francis, recommended that Everett take over the sports anchor and director duties while Francis traveled to the XGames as an analyst. Everett never looked back, eventually replacing Francis as the affiliate's sports director, spending four years in the position, before moving to ESPN in 2000.

Everett joined ESPN in July 2000 as an anchor for ESPNNEWS and *SportsCenter* at the network's Bristol, Conn. headquarters. In 2009, Everett moved to ESPN's new Los Angeles Production Facility to host the widely-viewed 1 a.m. ET daily edition of the popular sports news program with Stan Verrett.

Everett has proven to be one of the most dynamic, entertaining and distinctive anchors on ESPN programming. His unique broadcast style and catchphrases come from his experiences as a lumberjack and pig hunter growing up and in Hawaii as well as from popular culture. Every Everett-hosted show begins with his signature "Howzit?," a Hawaiian slang term for "aloha" or "how's it going", just to let his friends in Hawaii know that he's thinking about them. He also represents his hometown of Spokane, Washington and the Oregon Ducks by infusing regional humor and topical references while utilizing culture references from such icons as the Grateful Dead and the movie *The Big Lebowski* throughout each show.